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Letter bombs put Thatcher aides on alert

Yard's fears of IRA terror campaign

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Hundreds of senior civil servants were put on a bomb alert last night after the discovery of two IRA letter bombs posted to the homes of two of Mrs Thatcher's top officials.

The families of Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press officer, and of Mr Brian Unwin, head of the economic secretariat in the Cabinet Office, became suspicious when the letters arrived at their homes yesterday.

They called the police, who detonated the devices without injury.

The IRA later in the day claimed responsibility for sending the letter bombs, in what security chiefs believe could be the renewal of a terror tactic which had been virtually dropped by the IRA during the 1980s.

Last night Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said: "There is a general warning to everyone, particularly those in the public eye, to be extremely careful to check mail." Detectives are waiting to see of the letters are the first of a rash of devices.

Each of the two letters delivered to Mrs Thatcher's aides bore a rubber stamped motto in one corner which read, "University of Ulster Students Union University of Ulster". But the union, in Coleraine, said that it had not used that type of rubber stamp for more than two years. Police said the postmarks were not decipherable.

The addresses on each of the letters was copied exactly from the *Who's Who* entries on both men. The letter to Mr Ingham carried his Purley postcode, shown in *Who's Who*, and the letter to Mr Unwin did not, and was not given in *Who's Who*.

The first device to be discovered arrived at Mr Unwin's home in Epsom. His son thought there was something odd about the brown envelope, with its Ulster motto, and the police were called.

The device intended for Mr Ingham was found by his wife who called the police. Mr Bernard Ingham said last night: "My understanding is that this package, identified as coming from Ulster, arrived at my home at about noon with the post. My wife was suspicious of it and saw that inside was a package wrapped up with sticky tape."

"She put it on the steps in the garden and dialled 999. The police came and dealt with it. I gather there was a controlled explosion, in other words it was an explosive device".

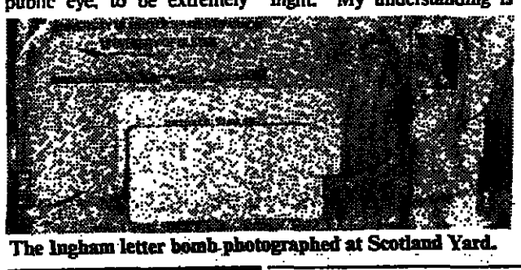
The letters appeared the day after a veteran IRA quartermaster, Michael McKenny, was jailed for 16 years at the Central Criminal Court. In previous letter bomb attacks, the IRA has posted letters from the Continent or mainland Britain.

Most of the recent attempted letter bomb attacks in Britain have been crude affairs linked to tiny Scottish or English groups. The last one was in July 1986 when a small device was sent to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

● **Student condemnation:** The students' union at the University of Ulster last night said it unreservedly condemned the use of its name on the letter bombs sent to the homes of the two civil servants (Richard Ford writes).

They said they were totally opposed to such actions.

The students have been on Easter holiday since last Friday. The linking of the university with terrorist activity is the second blow within a month, after the killing of a prison instructor and two RUC detectives by the IRA at the university's Magee Campus in Londonderry.



The Ingham letter bomb photographed at Scotland Yard.



Captain David Lewry, in charge of the ferry when she sank, and his wife at Canterbury.

Zeebrugge dead are mourned

By Ruth Gledhill

The nation mourned those lost in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster in a moving hour-long service at Canterbury Cathedral yesterday.

Relatives and survivors wept as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, speaking of acts of heroism during the sinking of the ferry, said: "Even in the darkest moment at Zeebrugge there were rays of light".

He said: "Our whole nation joins today with those who were rescued at Zeebrugge, in admiration and gratitude for all who saved life at sea, or brought kindness and comfort on land".

More than 1,800 mourners, including about 350 survivors and 700 close relatives, sat in silence as the Archbishop listed some of the life-saving acts of heroism that took place during the last moments of the stricken Herald of Free Enterprise, which took less than a minute to topple onto its port side on March 6.

"I think of the seaman who found that his diving gear was obstructing his search. So he discarded it and stayed down in the dark until he found three lorry drivers, trapped alive in an air pocket.

"I think of the passenger with spinal injuries carrying his baby daughter to safety in his teeth. I think of the four men trapped in lower decks taking turns to hold above water the head of an elderly woman.

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Shevardnadze and Shultz hopeful of early missiles deal

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, last night concluded a crucial three-day visit to the Soviet Union on a suprisingly optimistic note with a claim that a final agreement on a deal to eliminate all medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe was now "close at hand".

In a separate verdict on the exhaustive series of talks, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet opposite number, also said progress had been made, and that although more work was still needed, the elusive medium-range missile accord could now be reached before the end of the year.

The up-beat claims of both foreign ministers have raised hopes for a new superpower summit before the end of 1987, as Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has made plain that his main condition for accepting President Reagan's new invitation to visit Washington is that a medium-range missile deal should be ready for signing when he arrives.

If the optimism expressed on both sides last night is realized, the pact – which would leave superpowers with 100 medium-range missiles each based respectively in Asia and the United States – would be the first arms control agreement signed by the Soviet Union and the US for nearly a decade.

Mr Shultz confirmed that, earlier in the day, the Soviet Union had formally made a new offer to underpin any medium-range missile deal with a proposal that all shorter-range missile systems – including battlefield nuclear weapons – with a range as low as 90 miles should be eliminated over a period of 12 months.

Mr Shultz was meticulously careful not to commit himself in advance on the new Soviet initiative before his urgent consultations with Nato leaders, which begin in Brussels this morning.

Despite yesterday's optimism about the imminence of a medium-range missile deal, both Mr Shultz and Mr Shevardnadze separately admitted that their talks had made little headway in the wider areas of strategic nuclear weaponry and space defences.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, although acknowledging that he and his US counter part had reached "a degree of mutual understanding on a series of questions", said it was now considered unlikely that Moscow and Washington could achieve a treaty in either of these broader disarmament fields before President Reagan leaves office.

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Saunders asset freeze remains

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, yesterday failed in his attempt to have a court order freezing his assets lifted.

The judge, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, ruled that the order must stand since there was a "strong possibility" that Mr Saunders, who is in Switzerland at present, would dissipate his assets or remove them from the country.

He also labelled the alleged agreement between Mr Saunders and Mr Thomas Ward, a Guinness director, to pay Mr Ward £5.2 million for services he provided during the Distillers bid as "void" and "unlawful" because it had not been disclosed to the Guinness board.

Guinness has challenged this agreement and obtained a court order freezing the British assets of Mr Saunders and Mr Ward up to the value of £5.2 million as a prelude to bringing a full case to recover the money.

The five-day hearing has been characterized by strongly conflicting evidence from all sides. The judge repeatedly pointed out that he was not deciding who was telling the truth.

At the centre of the dispute are conflicting sworn statements detailing Mr Saunders's involvement in the Distillers takeover provided by Mr Saunders and Mr Olivier Roux, a former Guinness finance director.

"There is no possible halfway house. Either Mr Saunders or Mr Roux is lying," the judge said.

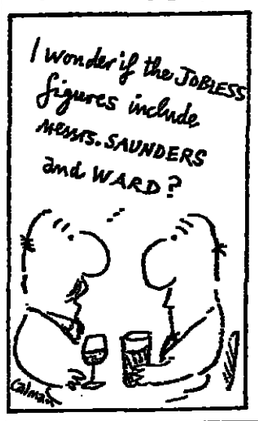
On Guinness's main action to recover the money, he said there was "no conceivable defence to the action at the end of the day for Mr Ward."

The judge highlighted several reasons for concluding that Mr Saunders's assets should remain frozen.

He said there was no doubt that Mr Saunders had a close connection with Switzerland.

Both Mr Saunders and his

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The Times GOOD FRIDAY

An Easter teaser
The Times Jumbo Crossword, a holiday exercise to tax the whole family, 136 clues and a £50 prize for each of the first five correct entries.

An Easter controversy
A Dominican monk challenges some assumptions; do Christians venerate the wrong Holy Land sites?

An active Easter
In *The Times* Information Service, a guide to Good Friday walks, and the best in entertainment.

A sporting Easter
A guide to a big weekend of sport, including a preview of that modern television extravaganza, the world snooker championship, which starts on Saturday.

Portfolio Gold
With the stock market closing tonight for Easter, the weekly prize will be on offer tomorrow – and with no winner last week, it will be worth £16,000.

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Universities boosted their earnings last year by handling contracts from industry worth nearly £200 million – a rise of more than £50 million on the previous year.....Page 24

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Area benefits

Development areas can offer lifestyle advantages and economic benefits, according to the introduction to today's four-page General Appointments section.....Pages 33-36

Unemployment to fall below 3m

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher received a triple boost yesterday with encouraging news on unemployment, productivity and industry's wage costs.

Unemployment fell for the eighth successive month in March. The total is officially forecast to drop below three million by June.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that when the May unemployment figures are published on June 18 they would show a drop below three million on present trends.

"We have now seen a drop of 180,000 since last July to the lowest level for two-and-a half years," he said. "I have no doubt that this downward trend is set to continue."

With inflation also expected to hit a temporary low in May, figures for which will be announced in June, the arguments in favour of a June general election are strengthening.

The overall unemployment total fell by 82,439 to 3,143,370 last month. The seasonally adjusted adult total, the best guide to the trend, fell by 30,100 to 3,042,900.

There was also encouraging news for industry in the latest productivity figures. In the 12 months to February, output per head in manufacturing rose by nearly 7 per cent, while unit wage and salary costs increased by only 1 per cent.

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Portfolio

● **The £12,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition, three times the usual amount as there were no winners on the previous two days, was shared by four readers. Details, page 3.**

● **The weekend game will be played tomorrow, when the weekly prize will be £16,000, double the usual amount, as well as the daily prize. So be sure to order The Times on Good Friday.**

● **Portfolio list, page 31.**

Four hurt in chemicals explosion

Cargo prosecutions likely

By Rodney Cowton and John England in Bonn

Prosecutions are likely after the discovery of undeclared dangerous chemicals on board the Zeebrugge disaster ferry.

This was revealed last night after a report in *The Times* yesterday that chemicals banned by international law from being carried on big passenger ferries were aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise which capsized with the loss of about 200 lives.

Townsend Thoresen, the ferry's operators, confirmed last night that it had discovered the presence of the undeclared chemicals after the vessel sank outside Zeebrugge harbour.

The company said that it was instituting legal proceedings in Belgium against those responsible. It said also that some of the chemicals would not have been allowed on a passenger ferry if it had known about them.

A spokesman for the ferry operators said that, according to the formal shipping documents which had been supplied before the they were entitled to carry the chemicals on a passenger ferry.

"However, after the capsize of the Herald, we started making inquiries among shippers and hauliers and others involved in the transportation of hazardous materials. We were asking for details of the colour or weight, or size, or anything that would help in the search for them", he said.

"We then discovered there was a consignment aboard which had not been declared. It included materials which, if we had known about it, we would not have allowed on a passenger ferry. They were in small quantities, and were not of a nature or quantity to pose a major threat. We are taking legal action in the Belgian courts against several of those involved, and summonses have been issued."

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Nato welcomes arms offer from Gorbachov

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The Nato allies will today give a cautious welcome to Mr Gorbachov's offer to link a timetable for the scrapping of shorter-range and tactical nuclear weapons in Europe to the proposed "zero-zero" elimination of intermediate nuclear missiles.

But as they prepare for a first-hand account today of the Moscow talks from Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in Brussels, the European Nato members are clearly deeply embarrassed over the way Mr Gorbachov has called Nato's bluff by accepting Western proposals and presenting them as Soviet ones.

The Europeans and Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, will vehemently oppose the "denuclearization" of Europe, arguing that it must retain its nuclear credibility, even though Nato itself first proposed the "zero-zero" option.

Nato welcomes the prospect of a third superpower summit and still seeks a "zero-zero" Intermediate Nuclear Force (INF) agreement, officials said, but the Europeans want clarification of the strings attached to the short-range offer. Lord Carrington takes the view that Nato must

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Origins of the Aids virus 'go back 100 years'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The viruses which cause Aids may have existed among humans more than 100 years ago and will continue to threaten mankind far into the next century, Professor Luc Montagnier, the leading French researcher, said yesterday.

Professor Montagnier, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, first identified the virus now known as HIV-1 four years ago. His latest work, published today in *Nature*, the British scientific journal, casts new light on its origins and those of a second virus, HIV-2, which he has also discovered.

It warns that others may emerge and suggests that HIV-2 will be a serious threat to public health in Africa and is likely to spread in Europe. Cases of disease caused by the second virus have already been identified in France, Germany and Sweden, since its discovery in late 1985.

Professor Montagnier, speaking at a news conference in London, warned that HIV-2-infected blood samples may not be detectable through existing screening methods, and urged that a way of diagnosing the infection be found quickly.

No cases have yet been recorded in Britain, but he said it was possible that the new infection could be brought to the UK by, for example, holiday-makers.

It was possible that research on HIV-2 could hasten the development of a vaccine. Chimpanzees, an endangered species, were the only animals suitable for testing the toxicity of an HIV-1 vaccine. But a more plentiful species of monkey could be found and used for HIV-2 tests, thus providing another route towards a common vaccine.

He said that the Aids virus probably originated in some species of African monkey, which may now be extinct.

"We suggest that these viruses existed long before the current Aids epidemics. A common ancestor probably existed a long time ago in a human population in west and central Africa."

They could have originated 100 or more years ago, but remained undetected until recently because of poor medical facilities in Africa, its lengthy incubation period, and confusion with other diseases.

The emergence of the Aids epidemics in Africa was probably the result of demographic changes, and he warned that the evolutionary potential of the viruses was striking.

Professor Montagnier also announced that the Pasteur Institute had received the proceeds of £30 million from the sale of the Duchess of Windsor's jewels

● The full impact of the Aids viruses may not become known until after half or two thirds of the lifespan of an infected person has elapsed, an American researcher says in *Nature* today.

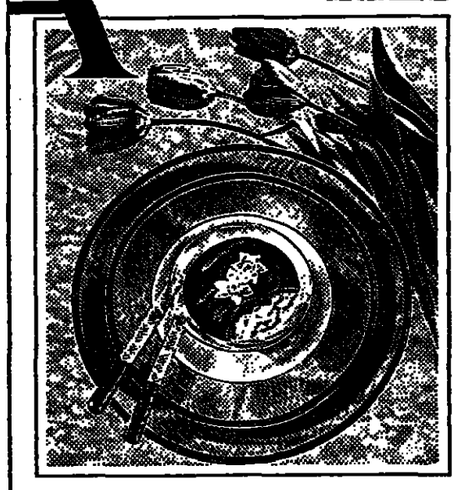
Dr Cecil Fox, of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, said: "Manifestations of the disease could continue to appear in survivors for 20 to 40 years after infection".

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NEWS SUMMARY

Russian missiles on test in Wales

The Ministry of Defence has tested 11 Russian SA-6 anti-aircraft missiles it acquired some months ago on a range in Wales, it was disclosed yesterday.

The ministry has the whole weapon system, including the tracked transporter-erector-launcher vehicle.

The tests, at the firing range at Aberporth, Dyfed, proved that the missiles were highly reliable and accurate, according to a report in the latest *Jane's Defence Weekly* magazine.

It was not clear yesterday how the ministry acquired the missiles, but the SA-6 is in service in many countries, including Egypt, Yugoslavia and India as well as Soviet bloc countries including Hungary, Poland and Rumania.

The SA-7 is also known to have been tested, because it can be bought on the open market.

It is understood that the ministry has received other Russian weapons in the past but it is unusual to get hold of a complete weapons system.

Liverpool pair lose High Court appeal

Two Liverpool council employees accused of obtaining jobs because of their Militant sympathies lost a High Court appeal yesterday to prevent their dismissal by the caretaker Liberal authority.

Mr Justice McNeill lifted injunctions taken out by Mr Samson Bond and Mrs Berryl Molyneaux, who were dismissed after the expulsion of 47 left-wing Labour councillors.

The ruling means that the Liberals, who have taken over the chairmanship of every council committee, will now examine the suitability of other employees and are likely to reorganize several departments.

Mrs Molyneaux, a school crossing supervisor, was appointed to a £6,400 a year job as a press officer. Mr Bond was an assistant building surveyor before becoming race relations officer on an annual £14,000 salary. Both are likely to appeal.

Unions plan merger

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) and Mr Ken Gill, general secretary of the Technical and Administrative Supervisory Staffs (TASS) yesterday announced their plans to merge with four smaller unions.

The plan will go to a special meeting of both unions next week, and then to the unions' conferences before being put to a secret ballot. The merger is expected to create a new white-collar union of a million members by January. Mr Jenkins said: "We will have a unique opportunity provide one of the best services in the trade union movement".

Funeral verdict

Three Sinn Fein members of Derry city council, facing gun charges after shots were fired over an IRA man's coffin, were freed yesterday after a Belfast magistrate accepted there was no case to answer.

Hugh Brady, aged 31, Gerry Doherty, aged 32, and Mrs Doddie McGuinness were accused of having two pistols and ammunition. A detective inspector said evidence was based on television film and observations. But he admitted there was nothing to show the three were actually in possession of the weapons.

Embassy contact

Solicitors acting for Mr Kevin McDonald, the Irish embassy officer who has been missing since the weekend, contacted the embassy again yesterday.

Mr McDonald, who is alleged to have offered Irish passports for sale for up to £15,000 a time, possibly to nationals of countries involved in political terrorism, has not been seen since last Friday when he was ordered to return to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin.

Scotland Yard officers are also now involved in the investigation.

Welsh TUC move

The Wales TUC was yesterday granted more autonomy from the national TUC's General Council, according to Mr George Wright, Welsh General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He said the move to give the Wales TUC greater determination to pick their own agendas and to legitimize theirinternational role was wonderful news.

The TUC played down Mr Wright's claims, and would not budge over granting the Welsh seperate disputes procedures.

Police talk to girl

A woman police officer was yesterday able to talk to the girl aged four from Hamilton, Lanarkshire, who was sexually assaulted last Saturday. The officer from the female and child unit of Hamilton police spent several hours at the girl's bedside in a Glasgow hospital, where she is recovering from "horrific" injuries.

The girl, who was abducted yards from her home, was on the critical list but her condition had improved. Detective Chief Inspector Alex Cowie would not reveal any details of the conversation.

Hailsham attack on trial by media

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The Lord Chancellor, last night attacked "irresponsible comment" on court cases from the Press or public figures which could undermine the process of trial by judge and jury.

Speaking at a banquet in the City of London given by the London Solicitors' Company, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said: "Justice, it has been said, is not a cloistered virtue. I am not one to seek to suppress criticism. But let there be some self-discipline."

He did not spare his own profession. He recognized judges said foolish things. There was also a danger for members of the legal profession to denigrate each other and, Lord Hailsham said, lawyers should remember they were part of a profession not a trade union.

"Let criticism be well-informed, well-researched, and temperately expressed, or there will be trial by media or that elective dictatorship into which our own unwritten consitution could so easily slip."

There were dangers of trial by "irresponsible comment". Both civil and criminal cases could be undermined by such comment which produced trial by media, trial by publicity-hungry MPs, and trial by commentators eager to undermine public confidence.

On the whole, judges had accepted the Kilmuir rules against speaking out in public and have erred in saying foolish things. But he went on: "Though sound judgement is always welcome, justice requires a degree of detachment and objectivity which cannot be obtained if judges constantly are having to look over their shoulders for fear of harassment and abuse and irresponsible demands for their resignation".

Lord Hailsham follows hard on the heels of Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, who also attacked public criticism of the judiciary earlier this week.

The Lord Chancellor is understood not to have any one particular case in mind, but feels that there has recently been a growing development of strident comment, criticizing judges and juries for their actions. Since the begining of this year there has been considerable public outcry over a number of cases.

The judge sentencing men involved in the Ealing rape case was accused of giving sentences which were too light.

At the end of the PC Keith Blakelock trial last month, a High Court judge was attacked for having given Winston Silcott, convicted of the policeman's death, bail in an earlier murder case.

Tory HQ launches election attack on 33 hard leftists

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit was accused last night of attempting to lean on the BBC in the run up to the general election. The claim came as the corporation defended itself against the latest criticisms of their political coverage made by the Conservative Party chairman.

In a sharply worded letter to Mr Michael Checkland, the new director general of the BBC, Mr Tebbit complained at the lack of coverage given to Britain's record export figures last month.

But last night Mr Alan Protheroe, Assistant Director General of the BBC, sent the Conservative Party chairman a detailed reply which showed that the report on March 26 not only appeared on Ceefax within one minute of the figures being officially released but also received widespread coverage in a variety of BBC broadcasts.

Mr David Alton, Liberal chief whip, said: "This is a direct attempt by the chairman of the Tory party to lean on the BBC in the run up to the election campaign".

The pre-election political skirmishing for the 84 parliamentary seats in London took a new turn yesterday as Conservative Central Office claimed that 33 of Labour's prospective candidates were associated with the hard left.

It also said that 13 Labour candidates had links with *Labour Briefing*, the hard left magazine which carries a ferocious attack on the "kamikaze" leadership of Mr Neil Kinnock in its current issue.

None of the candidates were named but the 13, on the basis of their having supported the magazine or written for it, were said to include sitting MPs Mr Tony Banks, Newham North West, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Islington North, and Miss Jo Richardson, Barking.

Prospective Labour candidates included Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Russell Profitt and Miss Diane Abbott.

The Conservatives' broadside came as it was disclosed that the Labour Party will fight the general election under the slogan "The country's crying out for change. Vote Labour".

The slogan, married to posters depicting a dole queue and an empty hospital ward, will be seen on hoardings up to the May 7 council elections and beyond, assuming Mrs Margaret Thatcher goes to the country in June.

The campaign, in which Labour's now familiar logo of the red rose is brought into play as a pictorial beacon of hope amid scenes of despair, is the fruit of a year's work by the party's 20-strong "shadow agency" of volunteers drawn from the advertising industry. The team has been put together by Mr Peter Mandelson, director of communications.

Mr Mandelson said of the slogan and the grainy photograph of the empty ward, in which the luscious bouquet of flowers provide the only relief: "It obviously expresses the hope for a better Britain. People like it. We have tested this on three occasions to see if people understand it – that they get the subliminal message – and it works fine."

Tory election planners were boosted by a private poll conducted in the greater London area which gave them a "healthy" lead with Labour "firmly" in third place behind the Alliance.

The Central Office briefing released to reporters yesterday followed a robust defence of Labour's record in local government by Dr John Cunningham, its shadow environment secretary, on Tuesday.

Dr Cunningham, looking forward to the council elections, stressed the moderation of the vast majority of Labour-run town halls and accused the Government of "lies" and "distortions" in seeking to exploit claims that left-wing authorities had amassed debts of £5 billion through leaseback arrangements involving banks and City institutions.

Mr David Hyams, leader of the opposition Alliance group on Islington Borough Council, which is planning to sell off its town hall and lease it back to raise cash, accused Dr Cunningham of being "naive or disingenuous" in not acknowledging the vast debts being stored up for future generations.

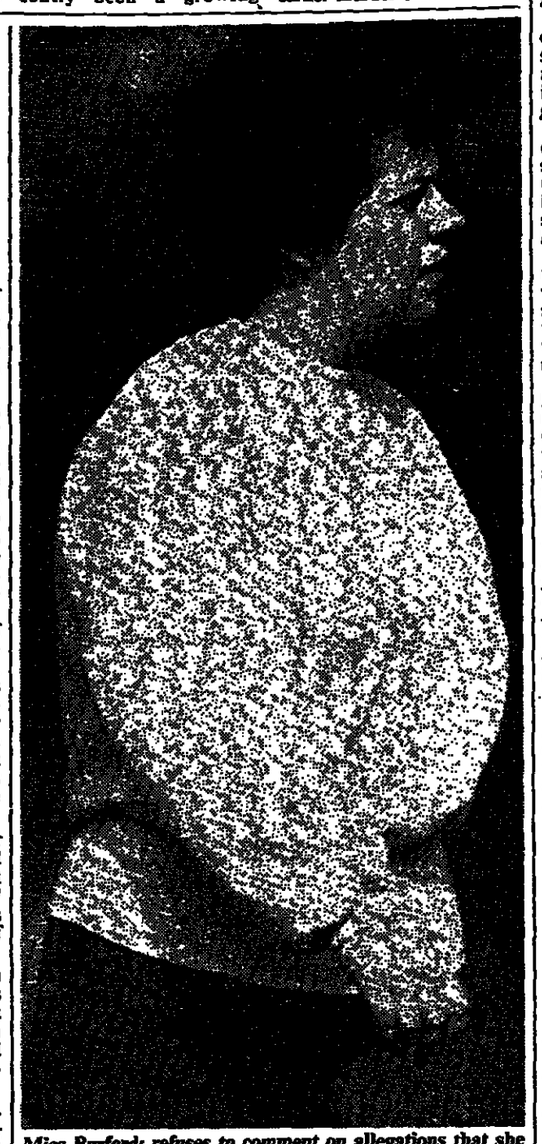
Mr Hyams said the Labour authority's scheme would raise £42 million in the first three years then cost £207 million in interest charges over the next 17 - a net loss of at least £165 million.

Meanwhile, Labour made a renewed attempt to revive its fortunes in the capitalwhich it has admitted have flagged in the wake of the widespread publicity given to the activities of the "loony left".

Mr Bryan Gould, its campaign co-ordinator, and Mr Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, joined forces to launch a new agenda for London.

In the capital in the 1983 general election, the Conservatives polled 44 per cent of the vote, Labour 30 per cent and the Alliance 25 per cent.

The Conservatives have 56 MPs, Labour 25 and the Alliance three.



Miss Burford: refuses to comment on allegations that she was given documents to destroy. (Photograph: James Gray)

High Court freeze on Saunders assets stays

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wife were living in Switzerland and had put their house in England up for sale.

The judge also pointed out that Mr Saunders had refused when asked to give an undertaking not to dispose of the proceeds of sale of his house.

Mr Roux's evidence, if it was believed – "and it is a big if" – disclosed behaviour that was "at the lowest reprehensible, at the worst dishonest" on the part of Mr Saunders, the judge said.

He also pointed out that apart from Mr Roux's evidence there were allegations of misconduct or dishonesty against Mr Saunders during the case which came from people who had "no obvious reason to lie."

This included the evidence of Mrs Margaret McGrath, former personal assistant to Mr Saunders, claiming that he ordered her and his secretary, Miss Melanie Burford, to shred documents. Mr Saunders denies this.



Mrs McGrath: claims Mr Saunders ordered shredding.

BA to push for BCal routes

By Harvey Elliott,
Air Correspondent

British Airways has set its sights on becoming Britain's only important long-haul international airline, even if this means taking over routes now operated by British Caledonian.

The newly privatized airline is convinced that the Government will ensure that Britain does not become swamped by foreign competition only by backing the biggest carrier in the country.

BA is to mount an extensive campaign lobbying Ministers and officials and aimed at forcing a change in competition policies to allow it to take over the long-haul operations now provided by British Caledonian if necessary.

Mr Colin Marshall,the airline's chief executive, made the first public reference to the new plans yesterday in a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in London. He said that throughout the world big airlines are getting bigger while the small airline is finding an important niche in providing short-haul passengers to supply the long-haul routes.

"The middle sized airline increasingly find with some sense of desperation that it has nowhere to go", he said.

He was scathing about the way in which the new giant American carriers can not only fly to London but take on passengers to other destinations throughout Europe while foreign airlines could not do the same within the United States.

Security vetting alert at GCHQ

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A routine security check on an employee at GCHQ, the Government's top secret communications centre in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, has led to his suspension after allegations of homosexuality.

The man, a junior member of the staff in his early 20s, was sent home on full pay about three weeks ago while an investigation into his background was carried out.

GCHQ would not confirm or deny that he had been suspended for being homosexual, but an official said that he had been subject to a routine security clearance check which had raised matters of concern.

The official emphasized that homosexuality alone would not be grounds for suspension. But if it made him vulnerable to blackmail, he would be judged a security risk.

Security vetting at GCHQ has been much tighter after the scandal over the case of Geoffrey Prime, who betrayed vital secrets to the Russians and was sentenced to 38 years in prison in 1982. He had been positively vetted four times

The man under suspension will have the right of appeal, once Sir Peter Marychurch, the GCHQ director, has ruled on his case.

A GCHQ spokesman said yesterday: "Even if the decision goes against him, there is no question of him being dismissed.

"He would simply be transferred to another government department where he would not be involved with matters of national security."

Young is blamed for walk-out

By Roland Rudd

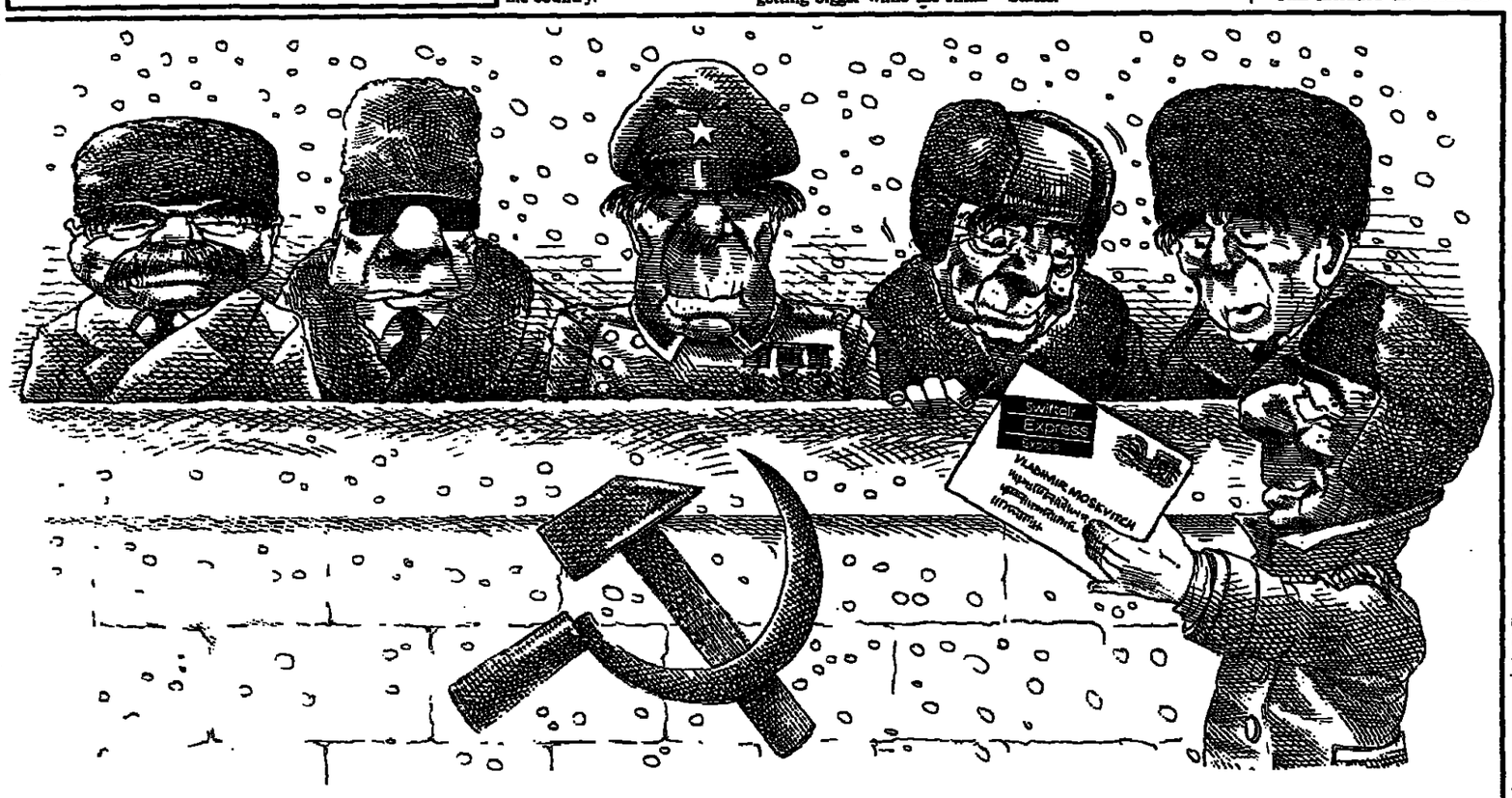
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, was accused yesterday of deliberately seeking to worsen the plight of the unemployed during the present Civil Service strike.

Civil Servants at the Livingston, Lothian, computer centre, which processes Giro payments for unemployed people in Scotland and Northern England, and has been affected by industrial action, were ordered to write out Giro claims by hand or receive no pay.

The Civil Servants immediately walked out of all Department of Health and Social Security and Department of Employment offices, causing a national strike in Scotland instead of hitting selected targets.

The Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) said that the order was a "sinister plot" hatched by Lord Young and Scottish management officials to delay payments

The Department of Employment denied the accusation, which could lead to a full strike in the south of England on May 7 when the Reading, Berkshire, computer centre is due to shut because of industrial action.



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Scientists hoping to beat drug side-effects

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A breakthrough in chemical research that allows scientists to design drugs that avoid harmful side-effects was reported to the annual congress of the Royal Society of Chemistry by Dr Steven Davies of Oxford University.

The discovery, which has been taken up by BP Chemicals, opens a new way for chemists to synthesis the sort of compounds that are used to make pharmaceuticals, pesticides and other specialist chemicals.

Even with the most elaborate methods to produce the purist possible compounds, the molecules can hold a hidden danger. While they are all chemically identical, a mixture of molecules can consist of two versions: one being a mirror image of the other.

But the difference can have a profound effect. Although the chemical formula is identical for both forms, the body can absorb them in different ways, as happened with thalidomide.

The discovery by Dr Davies is a family of reagents called Chiral Iron Acetyls, which ensure that the type of chemical reactions in making drugs and similar organic compounds produce only one form of the molecule. The scientists refer to it as optical purity.

But in addition to safety, a technology based on chiral reagents would remove other more elaborate and expensive stages in trying to achieve optical purity.

Studies of some smalls animals and plants had shown the importance of introducing only one optical form of a chemical molecule in drugs, food additives, insecticides and herbicides according to Professor Henri Brunner of Regensberg University, West Germany.

Medina treasure haul is preserved in mud

Divers searching for treasure aboard the torpedoed World War One liner Medina have discovered that a thick layer of mud has helped preserve her cargo.

An international consortium is hoping to raise several million pounds worth of Oriental art treasures which Lord Carmichael was bringing home in 1917.

He was an avid collector who had just finished a spell as Governor of Madras and Bengal when his baggage was lost with the armed liner Medina off the Devon coast.

Mr Tom Henderson, of SAR Marine, which is based in Falmouth, said: "The art objects are extraordinarily well-preserved by the mud.

"This obviously will increase the value of the haul, but I cannot put any figures on it." Estimates of it having been worth £200 million have been dismissed as grossly exaggerated.

Sobbing woman collapses in the dock as jury return

Maths teacher gets life sentence for double axe murder

A woman teacher who axed to death the wife and child of a colleague was jailed for life yesterday.

Heather Arnold, aged 50, was found guilty after a jury took seven-and-a-half hours to return unanimous verdicts at Bristol Crown Court.

Arnold , a mathematics teacher, murderedMrs Jeane Sutcliffe, and her daughter, Heidi, aged eight months, in the sewing room of their home at The Butts, Westbury, Wiltshire.

The judge, Mr Justice Henry, told Arnold: "The jury has rightly convicted you of these two terrible murders, murders which had shocked and horrified the community".

"That community is now left to mourn the quality of these two innocent lives you took."

Arnold, a slighly built, bespectacled woman with her greying hair worn tied back, broke down and sobbed as the forewoman of the jury gave the first guilty verdict.She collapsed in the dock as the second guilty verdict was given.On the public benches was Mr Paul Sutcliffe, aged 45, the victims' husband and father.

Arnold, a divorcee, had denied the murders of Mrs Sutcliffe and her baby on April 30 1986.

Her only daughter, Mrs Jane Buckley, a solicitor aged 26, said in evidence that her mother had produced an axe-head from her skirt six days after the killing. Police were called and Arnold was arrested.

The jury retired to consider the evidence on Tuesday, but after six hours of deliberation the judge recalled them. He sent the jurors to a hotel for the night and they finally returned unanimous verdicts yesterday, the 11th day of the trial, after a further 90-minute retirement.

After the trial Det Supt Tony Burden, deputy head of Wiltshire CID, said the inquiry was "like dealing with a horror story".

Mr Burden, who led the investigation, said he found Arnold a cold, calculating individual.

He said he found it difficult to state a motive for the murders but pointed out that Arnold was a "very lonely woman". He said: "She is an extremely intelligent woman and, in my view, used that intelligence in a calculted way to cover her tracks".



Mr Peter Sutcliffe (left), and Heather Arnold (right), who killed his wife and baby daughter.

Envy of a lonely divorcee

Paul Sutcliffe still cannot believe that his friendship with Heather Arnold should have cost the lives of his wife, Jeanne, and baby daughter, Heidi.

At a press conference after the trial Mr Sutcliffe said he thought Arnold's envy over a happy family enjoying a new baby was the motive behind the murders.

Mr Sutcliffe first met Arnold at Kingdown School, Warminster, where they both worked in the mathematics department.

But it was the divorce from her husband, John, and the wedding of her daughter, Jane, that brought Arnold into closer contact with Mr and Mrs Sutcliffe.

Arnold would call round to collect wool and other materials for sewing and Mr Sutcliffe would go down occasionally to help with odd jobs.

But Mr Sutcliffe said he now recognized there was a change in Arnold's attitude after the birth of Heidi.

"When I think back over things that Jeanne had said and the things Heather said there's the odd little clue that seems to fall into place. For instance Heather never really showed any interest in Heidi.

The day Jeanne and Heidi died started early with Heidi demanding a feed at 6.30am. "I have the most beautiful memory of Jeanne feeding Heidi in bed that morning. Anna was with us; she would always go where Heidi was. I was putting my legs up in bed for her to climb over. It was such a normal day."

The last sight he had of Jeanne and Heidi alive was as they left for school. "Jeanne always stood at the kitchen with Heidi to wave us off."

Mr Sutcliffe said: "My feeling for her vary almost with the weather. They can go from total indifference, thinking about what she must be suffering, to a feeling that if only they would leave her in an upstairs room with the window open, she might do the right thing."

He said that he and his three children, Linda, aged 16, David, aged 14, and Anna, aged seven, were now trying to re-build their lives. They intended to stay at their Westbury home and he would continue teaching.



Mrs Jeanne Sutcliffe (left) feeding her daughter, Heidi, and (right) the baby at aged six months, with her grandmother, Mrs Kathleen Hickman.

Boom in health foods market

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Four out of five people have some symptoms of nutritional deficiency, including sleeping problems, lack of energy and a bad skin condition, says a survey this week.

It says that growing public awareness of the need for a healthier diet has given a big boost to the specialist health food market. Some athletes were spending £30 a week on food supplements, and many diet foods cost more than £3 a day.

The survey, published by Euromonitor, an independent market research company, says dietary supplements, slimming aids, artificial sweeteners, diabetic foods and liquid foods contributed to a £190 million market in 1985. Supplements and slimming aids alone accounted for 70 per cent of this total.

In the past 10 years the market for dietary supplements, including vitamins, minerals and tonics,had more than trebled in value. Demand for multivitamins and Vitamin C had plummeted but single vitamins, particularly B6, A and E had risen and now accounted for more than a quarter of the market.

The overall demand for slimming foods, however, has remained fairly constant, at about £50 million. Three quarters of the market is taken up by very low calorie diets, such as the Cambridge Diet, which have replaced meal replacements and appetite suppressants which were popular in the 1960s and 70s.

Sales of artificial sweeteners are still growing, stimulated by new products such as aspartame and acesulfame K, doubling since 1980 to over £22 million. In the same period sugar sales hardly changed.

The survey shows that the market is still orientated toward the drug sector, with Boots selling 30 per cent of all health foods bought in the United Kingdom.

But smaller chemists, under pressure from supermarkets and the government limits on health service prescriptions, are now also turning to health foods.

Health, Slimming and Dietetic Foods (Euromonitor Publications, 87-88 Turnmill Street , London EC1; £255).

Portfolio —Gold— Cash aids winner on the move

Four readers share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize which stood at £8,000 as there was no winner the previous day.

Mrs Thora Evans, of Throckley, Newcastle, Tyne and Wear, whose hobby is tap-dancing, said she was thrilled with the money which she would spend on moving house.

"There are so many bits and pieces to get I really don't how I would have managed without the money. I also have a large family that I would like to help."

The other winners were Mr John Hopkins of Worth, West Sussex, Mr Peter Harrold, of Ecton Brook, Northampton, and Mrs K. Newman of Burnley, Lancashire.

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Mrs Thora Evans, who soon plans to move home

Live opera returns to the BBC

The BBC is to resume live broadcasts of full-scale opera productions after a gap of four years caused by an industrial dispute (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

The corporation said yesterday that the actors' union Equity had accepted a new agreement, raising the "live relay" fee for choristers to £20.

The dispute affected all productions featuring choruses, notably Royal Opera's acclaimed *Otello* in January.

The first to be broadcast after the agreement will be *English National Opera's Simon Boccanegra* on Radio 3 on April 29.

Decision on Heysel delayed

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The High Court yesterday gave Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, more time to decide what to do over the failure of the Heysel stadium extradition case.

There are now worries in the DPP's department that other pending extradition cases could also be affected because they may have followed the same practice criticized by the judges .

Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the DPP, said the case required careful consideration because the Home Office practice in extradition proceedings over the past seven years was acutely involved.

Earlier this week extradition orders for 26 Liverpool football supporters were rejected by Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann because of a flaw in the presentation of evidence.

The judges agreed to give the supporters writs of *habeas corpus* but did not issue them until the DPP had decided whether to try for an appeal to the House of Lords.

Yesterday the judges agreed to continue to suspend the writs, leaving the supporters free on bail until April 29.

Mr Sherrard, who is handling the Belgian Government's extradition request, told the judges that their decision last Monday to block extradition was still being considered.

He said he had consulted Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, on Tuesday. Sir Michael had urged that every step should be taken to ensure there were no unnecessary delays.

The DPP's staff will check all current proceedings to see whether any others might be effected by the same possible flaw.

Spanish airport workers delay Easter escape

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A strike by Spanish airport workers led to long delays at airline check-in counters yesterday as thousands of Britons headed for an overseas Easter break.

The one-day Spanish strike affected thousands of passengers who were getting away early for Easter. But most flights managed to leave, although there were delays of more than eight hours.

Thomson Holidays, which had 16 departures scheduled from British airports, said that most were delayed by one to two hours, mainly because it took longer for the passengers to unload their own baggage at airports in Spain rather than rely on Spanish baggage handlers.

One flight from Gatwick to Tenerife, on a Boeing 767 which does not have its own steps for disembarkation, was delayed for eight-and-a-half hours to ensure that it arrived after the strike ended at midnight last night.

The holiday company, which uses mainly Britannia Airways to carry package tour groups, was able to split other passengers into smaller units and put them onto Boeing 737 jets, which do have their own steps.

Apart from being asked to carry their own baggage, most holidaymakers arrived at their destination with little disruption.

Hundreds of thousands of people will fly from British airports in the next few days. Thompson alone will carry 70,000 people on 454 flights, with 60 per cent heading for Spain.

British Airways said that it expected to carry 100,000 passengers to holiday resorts in the next three days, and every flight was fully booked.

One of the most popular spots this year is Moscow, which has suddenly boomed as a holiday destination in the wake of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's visit. Extra flights have been scheduled by British Airways, Aeroflot and charter airlines to cope with the demand.

Explosion appeal to be speeded up

By Ian Smith

Survivors of the Abbeystead pumping station explosion, who have been waiting three years for compensation, were told yesterday that they will not, after all have to wait 18 more months for their Court of Appeal case to be heard.

At the High Court hearing in Lancaster, bought by the 28 survivors of the methane gas explosion and relatives of the 16 people who died, the designers, builders and owners of the station were all blamed for the disaster and ordered to pay compensation.

All three – Binnie and Partners, the designers of the pumping station, near St Michael's on Wyre, Lancashire, the builders, Edmond Nuttall, and the owners, the North West Water Authority, have appealed against the decision.

The methane gas explosion tore apart the valve house during a visit by 42 villagers

Mr David Arkwright, a solicitor who representing 31 people from the village, had already written to the appeal court registrar asking the hearing be brought forward.

He said: "Some of my clients are virtually penniless. Everything they own has been spent on bringing the High Court case to determine blame for this appalling tragedy."

Yesterday Mr Arkwright received a letter from the Registrar of Civil Appeals saying the case will be held in July.

Villagers complain to bishop

By Michael McCarthy

Villagers at Nettleton, in Wiltshire, rallied yesterday to the memory of Mr Fred Clark, the local farmer who achieved celebrity in death by a less than glowing account of his life from the priest who conducted his funeral.

Neighbours and friends insisted he was not the bad-tempered, disagreeable and unworthy person, unlikely to be missed, described by Canon Michael Dittmer, the local vicar, in an unconventional funeral oration which caused considerable upset in the village.

A number of the villagers are unhappy with the apology from the canon, aged 69, and have arranged a meeting with the Bishop of Bristol on April 28 to air their feelings.

Yesterday Mr Dennis Marsh, who farmed next to Mr Clark, spoke out strongly for the man he had known since childhood.

"At his funeral the church was so full that people were standing in the gangways. I've never seen the church so full. These people would certainly not have been there if Fred was the sort of man the vicar says he was.

"He would help anybody. You only had to ask and he would do all he could to help. He did a very great deal for the village during the years he was on the parish council. He was nothing like the vicar says." He had worked hard to raise funds for the church.

Mr Jeremy Charnand, the chairman of Nettleton Parish Council, said: "Mr Clark was not at all bad-tempered. He was, in fact, extremely popular and a very nice man."

Mr Jeanne Bush, another parish councillor, said that Mr Clark, who died of a stroke aged 52, leaving a widow and four children, was "a very pleasant man, respected in the village, and liked by many people who were very sad to hear of his sudden death".

Mr Clark's widow, Pauline, said last night: "My husband was held in great affection by his family and he generated great love in them and in their friends, and this is the way we shall remember him".

She added that she thanked the villagers of Nettleton for their support, and hoped the matter was now closed.

Celebration kills GP

A doctor drank himself to death while celebrating with the father of a baby he had just delivered, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr Michael Bourne, aged 33, a GP in Penzance, Cornwall, died of alcohol poisoning after drinking large quantities of whisky. The spree began on April 1 at the Fountain Inn, Penzance.

Mr Ian Kewn came into the bar to celebrate the birth of his daughter Sarah-Jane, the inquest at Helston was told.

Mr Kewn, of St Clare Street, Penzance, said yesterday: "I invited him to join us. After the pub closed we went back to my house to continue the celebrations."

Mr Derrick Pepperell, the West Cornwall Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Dr Bourne, of Ivy Barn, Newmill, Penzance.

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Education finance

Heads want extra pay for controlling school budgets

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Head teachers are to demand more pay for carrying out the Government plan to give schools control of their own budgets.

Branch secretaries of the 27,000-member National Association of Head Teachers will be advised at their Easter conference to negotiate for higher pay and for guarantees of extra money, particularly to pay for administrative assistants or school bursars to cope with the extra work.

Nearly 40 local education authorities are expected shortly to set up their own pilot schemes in devolution of budgetary control to schools, following the example set by Cambridgeshire.

Mr David Hart, the NAHT general secretary, said yesterday that the level of extra pay demanded by heads would depend on the findings of a job-evaluation study currently being undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Child abuse plea.....6

Classroom teachers are deeply suspicious of the proposals, which were unveiled last week by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The moderate Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association, the third largest teaching union, yesterday called at its conference in Harrogate for careful monitoring of current pilot schemes.

The union is the first to debate the issue since Mr Baker's announcement and it was clear that teachers expect heads to economize on staff levels, impose extra work on deputies and squeeze education "extras" such as field trips.

Mr Peter Hewitt, a teacher from Cambridgeshire, said that few head teachers had the background or training to handle a budget of over £1 million a year.

He said that heads would be tempted to skimp on supply staff where a teacher is absent, saving themselves £60 a day.

Heads in the Cambridgeshire pilot schools are already saving money from their budgets by leaving vacancies unfilled or by appointing teachers on low salary scales.

Another delegate said that Conservative-controlled Harrow has initiated a pilot scheme without accounting in school budgets for the increase in field trips caused by the new GCSE syllabuses.

Dr Peter Beetham, head of biology at St Dominic's sixth form college, said: "I have 40 A-level students and this year I only have half my usual budget for field trips. I cannot cover the requirements of my A-level syllabus."

Mrs Ruth Arnold said that in Alliance-controlled Kingston-upon-Thames, a pilot scheme had been introduced without discussing the vital issue of cover for absent teachers or appointing administrative assistants.

The day a Thatcher joined the wets



Mr Denis Thatcher hurtling down mock rapids yesterday as he opened the £2.5 million Thunder River ride at Thorpe Park Centre, Surrey.

The Prime Minister's husband (in the right of the vessel) did two circuits of the ride. He originally intended to do four circuits but decided to call it a day, saying: "You can have too much of a good thing".

Despite the protective clothing, his jacket and trousers took a drenching.

Teachers divided over four-term year

A school year of four equal terms would be an educational asset, a teachers' union decided yesterday (Our Education Correspondent writes).

But many teachers are unwilling to see their seven-week summer holiday cut to an early summer break of three or four weeks, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association conference in Harrogate, Yorkshire, was told.

More than one in four delegates voted against endorsing proposals by the local authorities for four different types of four-term years. All four options have fixed dates for the beginning and end of each term, and would keep children and teachers in school during August and sometimes over Easter.

Mrs Anne Keeble, from Buckinghamshire, said that families would find the regular pattern more convenient.

But Miss Alison Bolt, from Cumbria, said: "The last few days of term are purgatory for most teachers. It would be counter-productive to have four days instead of three in the year when you have to keep your beady eye on the fire-extinguishers and other things."

She said: "I have interests other than teaching. My social life would be completely altered by a four-term year."

Mrs Kaye Larkin, also from Cumbria, said that the proposed 10-week terms with short one or two-day half-term breaks, were too long.

Farmers warned of fewer subsidies

A bleak outlook for farm incomes was predicted yesterday by the Governor of the Bank of England (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton told an audience at a farm open day near Marlborough, Wiltshire, that it was also difficult to see how the EEC common agricultural policy could endure.

Mr Leigh Pemberton, who is also a farmer, said: "The transition to lower levels of subsidy and greater dependence on the market place might be eased by the imposition of quotas and the payment of compensation.

"But, ultimately, the agricultural industry will, I believe, have to move to a position where the normal laws of supply and demand set the point at which production is only marginally viable".

He said he was uneasy about the level of external debt in the industry, which stands at more than £6,000 million.

LWT will buy news bulletins

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

London Weekend Television is to break with industry practice by commissioning an independent company to produce local news bulletins.

The experiment could lead to increased pressure being put on the other ITV companies, and the BBC, to allow independents to make news programmes.

Initially, LWT plans to buy four weekend bulletins of three minutes each.

It will be the first British television station to allow an outside organization access to the previously sacrosanct area of news production.

BBC Radio production secretaries, who earn between £6,630 and £8,160, demonstrated outside Broadcasting House, central London, yesterday to support demands for pay increases of £2,000 to £3,000. The BBC has offerd £200 to £300.

The dispute over proposed job cuts at LBC Radio in London, and its subsidiary Independent Radio News, is to move to Acas, the arbitration and conciliation service. The company is seeking to cut 34 jobs at the station. Staff say that would lower editorial standards.

Princess Anne will be a studio guest on May 17 on the joint Radio Four and BBC World Service phone-in programme, *It's Your World*. The live, 45-minute broadcast starts at 12.10pm.

●BBC Television is to launch its spring and summer schedule of sport on Saturday with live coverage of the world title welterweight fight between Lloyd Honeyghan and Maurice Blocker from the Royal Albert Hall.

Also starting this weekend are two weeks of broadcasts from the World Professional Snooker Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

On May 16, the BBC will cover the FA Cup Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry City.

BR loses £13m deal to Swiss

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

British Rail Engineering yesterday admitted the loss of a £13 million contract to a Swiss company because its bogie could not match the required specification for travelling at speed.

The company was to have supplied 566 bogies as part of a larger contract by Metro Cammell, of Birmingham, for the electrification of the London to Edinburgh east coast line.

It said yesterday the contract with Metro Cammell had been cancelled because it could not guarantee to meet the specification for 140 mph running.

Development work was required to upgrade the British bogie, which is cleared to operate at 125 mph. BREL was not prepared to risk the penalties that would be imposed if a 140 mph bogie was not delivered on time. The Swiss company, Sig, could offer a tried and tested high-speed bogie which met the requirements.

The future for the BREL workforce in Derby now depends on the company winning orders to replace the lost contract, but the National Union of Railwaymen was angry that railway jobs were being threatened because of the policy of competitive tendering.

The union fears that thousands of railway jobs could be lost over the next few years through cuts in other sectors.

Poachers net a fortune

Water authorities all over the country say they are worried by an increase in poaching and in attacks on their baliffs.

Mr David Bathers, legal division solicitor for the Welsh Water Authority, said yesterday that some poachers were travelling up to 200 miles to net salmon, which sell for between £2 and £2.50 a pound on the black market.

Labour urges full funding for nurses

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Labour Party yesterday urged the Government to avert a crisis in the national health service by funding all the pay award to be recommended for nurses.

Last week the Royal College of Nursing took the first steps towards industrial action over pay by voting to convene an extraordinary meeting if the Government refused for the third time to honour the award.

Mr Michael Meacher, the Labour Party's social services spokesman, said: "If the NHS is to head off the greatest crisis it has ever faced, the Government must honour in full this year's independent pay review recommendations on nurses' pay".

Mr Meacher said Labour was committed to honouring the 1987-88 recommendations, expected to be announced shortly, and funding the whole cost of the award centrally.

In the last two years the Government had cut the value of the award by delaying implementation and paying it in stages, he said. In both these years the Government had funded only part of the award, leaving district health authorities to make up the shortfall through cuts in other sectors.

"Nurses make up 50 per cent of all NHS staff. The NHS cannot afford to lose them. They do not deserve to be told that if they get a rise, patient services will be cut. They deserve to be paid a fair day's pay for what is more than a fair day's work."

In its confidential evidence to the 1987-88 pay review body, the Government had already said there would be little scope for real increases in nurses' pay if health authorities were to achieve service developments, Mr Meacher said.

Mr Meacher quoted a study by the Royal College of Nursing which showed that 73 per cent of nurses were dissatisfied with pay levels, 65 per cent said their workload had increased over the last year, and a third said they had seriously considered applying for a job outside the NHS in the last twelve months.

After three years' training and work, a newly qualified staff nurse was paid only £6,475 per annum, rising over five years to £7,750. A police cadet on his first day of training would get £7,752, while a firefighter would get £8,259.



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4 Q Can I use unleaded petrol in my car?
A *The majority of cars in the United Kingdom have been designed to run on leaded petrol. However, nearly 40% of post-1985 petrol cars are now capable of running on unleaded fuel, although most will need some minor adjustments to allow this. Eventually all new petrol cars will incorporate the necessary modifications for them to run on unleaded. Before attempting to use unleaded petrol you should check first with your car dealer or motor manufacturer.*

5 Q What is a catalytic converter?
A *Although not legally required in the UK at present, a catalytic converter is a device that can be fitted to the exhaust system. When the exhaust fumes pass through the converter, emissions such as nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide are burnt up or oxidised. Unfortunately, lead damages the catalysts, so they are only effective on cars already using unleaded petrol.*

6 Q Where can I buy unleaded petrol?
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7 Q How will I know which pump dispenses unleaded petrol?
A *Esso Unleaded pumps are clearly marked UNLEADED and will usually have a small pump nozzle and identification cover marked UNLEADED on the nozzle.*

8 Q What happens if I inadvertently put the wrong fuel in my car?
A *Given the safeguards mentioned above it would be very difficult for you to do so. However, an isolated incident may not be too serious. Unleaded petrol used in an engine designed to take leaded, or leaded petrol used in an unleaded engine, could eventually cause damage to the engine.*

9 Q What about other petrol fuelled equipment, like my lawn mower and chain saw?
A *Some will operate successfully on unleaded. However, you should check with the manufacturer or dealer for specific advice and follow their recommendations.*

10 Q For how long will leaded petrol continue to be available?
A *Unleaded petrol will be phased in over a number of years. Therefore both leaded and unleaded will be available for a transition period which will be as long as the present product is required to supply today's cars.*

11 Q What happens if I take my car to the Continent?
A *Both leaded and unleaded petrol are available in Europe. There may be slight differences in unleaded to take account of local conditions, but this is unlikely to affect a car that can run on unleaded petrol.*

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£4m for the parents who have never known how to care

By Jill Sherman, Social Services, Correspondent

Child abuse and neglect is often the result of parental ignorance ,the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday.

Dr Alan Gilmour. NSPCC director, said: "Many parents know nothing about basic child care or even how to play with their children – they don't know where to start".

He was speaking at the launch of a £4 million initiative to set up centres aimed at helping families overcome problems of physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

Dr Gilmour said simple ignorance of how to budget ,how to keep a house clean, or even how to cook a simple meal. could all build up stress and tension and lead to child suffering.

"The development of family care is not an optional extra. Child abuse is a family problem. In order to deal with it properly you have to look at the family as a whole", he said.

The new devlopments follow big rises in the number of reported cases of child abuse. At the end of last year the NSPCC estimated that nearly 10.000 children under the age of 15 were physically abused, 3.000 were sexually abused and over 1,000 emotionally abused every year.

The figures also showed a rise in serious and fatal injuries, and Dr Gilmour estimated that three to four children died every week because of abuse or neglect.

During the next five years the NSPCC plans to almost double the number of its child protection teams and built up a network of family care centres throughout the country. At present the organisation has 34 teams based in eight family centres.

The teams, made up of social workers and nursery officers, carry out investigative work, in-depth counselling and community education as well as assessing the child and the family.

This year the organisation is aiming to spend £250,000 to set up seven more teams based in family care centres where parents are taught how to care for children. In the next five years 65 teams will be developed at 65 centres.

Children are referred to the centres either by local authorities, or by magistrates when a child is made a ward of court. Sometimes the child protection teams also pick up at-risk children during their investigations.

Mrs Pat Wilkinson, officer in charge of a family centre in Manchester, said that some parents had no idea of how to meet a child's basic needs. Mrs Wilkinson said: "We have one 23-year-old father who spent his childhood in total isolation – either in his bedroom or the coalhole. He now does not have the capacity to care.

"Every morning we have to teach him to make his son a drink, how to change him, how to feed, play, cuddle and love him.

In another case a family centre worker found a mother was force feeding her six-month-old child the amounts stated on the packets of baby food to make the baby put on weight.

Teachers call for guidance on abuse

Teachers yesterday called for an inter-departmental Government initiative to train school staff to spot cases of child abuse.

The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association at its conference in Harrogate also called for all local authorities to give teachers clear guidance on the issue.

Mr Peter Smith, deputy general secretary, said: "This is not the ritual cry of teachers asking for more in-service training. It is an urgent need. Initiatives such as 'Child Watch' have made teachers much more aware of the problem."

Mrs Jane Lee, a home-school liaison teacher in a primary school in Bradford, West Yorkshire, said: "Teachers are worried. They feel they have no training in identifying a case of child abuse.



Mr Michael Berthoud with some of the 2,000 cups and teapots he has collected while doing research for books about English pottery and porcelain. The collection, thought to be the largest on public display in a private house, is kept at Mr Berthoud's home in Broseley, near Ironbridge, Shropshire. (Photograph: Philip Dunn)

Ruling on EEC forces poll in Ireland

By Richard Ford

A referendum is to be held in the Irish Republic next month to overcome a court ruling that part of the Single European Act conflicts with the written constitution.

The nationwide poll may be followed by a detailed all-party review of the 1937 constitution as critics claim it should be redrafted to reflect the changed circumstances within the Republic.

Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, has already indicated a willingness to consider the views of other political parties on the issue.

Such a review would provide the minority Fianna Fail government with an issue which will divert voters' attention from the tough economic measures it has introduced to try to improve the debt-ridden economy.

The Dail has been recalled early and a three-day debate on the wording of the 10th constitutional amendment next week will provide deputies with an opportunity to raise the idea of a wider review of a constitution framed by De Valera 50 years ago.

The government is adopting a "minimalist" approach to the forthcoming poll which has been forced upon it by a Supreme Court ruling that part of the Single European Act is unconstitutional. The wording will state that nothing in the constitution should affect or inhibit ratification and operation of the Act which is designed to streamline EEC decision-making and bring greater political and economic co-operation.

By proposing such a wording, the government hopes to avoid acrimonious debate relating to foreign policy, Irish sovereignty and neutrality in the days before the referendum which is likely to be held on May 26 or 27.

The three major parties in the country will support the amendment.

No reward for crucial witness to robbery

A taxi driver who gave Scotland Yard crucial information that helped convict two American gangsters of a £1.5 million jewellery robbery has failed to win a share in the £50,000 reward.

In the High Court in London yesterday, Mr Justice Hutchison dismissed a claim by the taxi driver, Mr Stewart Bryk, against Lloyds underwriters who had offered the rewards.

The judge said Mr Bryk had been told the usual conditions for a reward. One was that information given would lead to recovery of the stolen property, but that had not happened.

The judge had said that Mr Bryk, of Roll Gardens, Gantshill, Ilford, Essex, played an important part in the extradition from America of Joseph "Shrivel Hand" Scalise and Arthur "Scarface" Rachel and in their conviction at the Central Criminal Court, where he was a crucial prosecution witness.

The gangsters were sentenced to 15 years for the raid at Graff Diamonds in Brompton Road, Brompton, west London in 1980. Jewellery worth £1.5 million, including the famous Marlborough Diamond, was stolen.

After seeing a news item about the robbery and a reward of up to £50,000 offered in *Taxi* magazine, Mr Bryk gave information to police about two men he had picked up in his taxi and taken to Heathrow Airport.

The judge said Mr Bryk had been unaffected by threats and did not succumb to considerable bribes thought to have been made by associates of the two gangsters.

Ballot due on prison pay offer

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Leaders of the Prison Officers' Association met Home Office officials yesterday for clarification of an offer on pay and conditions that could bring peace to the jail system.

It looks as if the Government's ploy of upgrading their offer by £4 million and sending details direct to individual members of staff is working. They are being balloted by the POA in May.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is wooing staff with a total of £24 million on top of the £280 million offered last summer.

His original proposals were rejected by the Prison Officers' Association on the grounds that they would result in unworkable prison regimes and dangerous manning levels.

The revised scales give a principal officer up to £18,000 a year and the rank below, a senior officer, £16,500. The rank-and-file incremental scale is now shorter and ranges up to £15,550 from a low point of £12,500.

Mr Hurd is seeking simplicity in working practices and teamwork and a reduction in overtime.

Sun is free to tell John story

Rock star Elton John yesterday withdrew an application for a High Court injunction stopping *The Sun* from publishing a series of articles about his private life, after the paper agreed not to publish certain of the material.

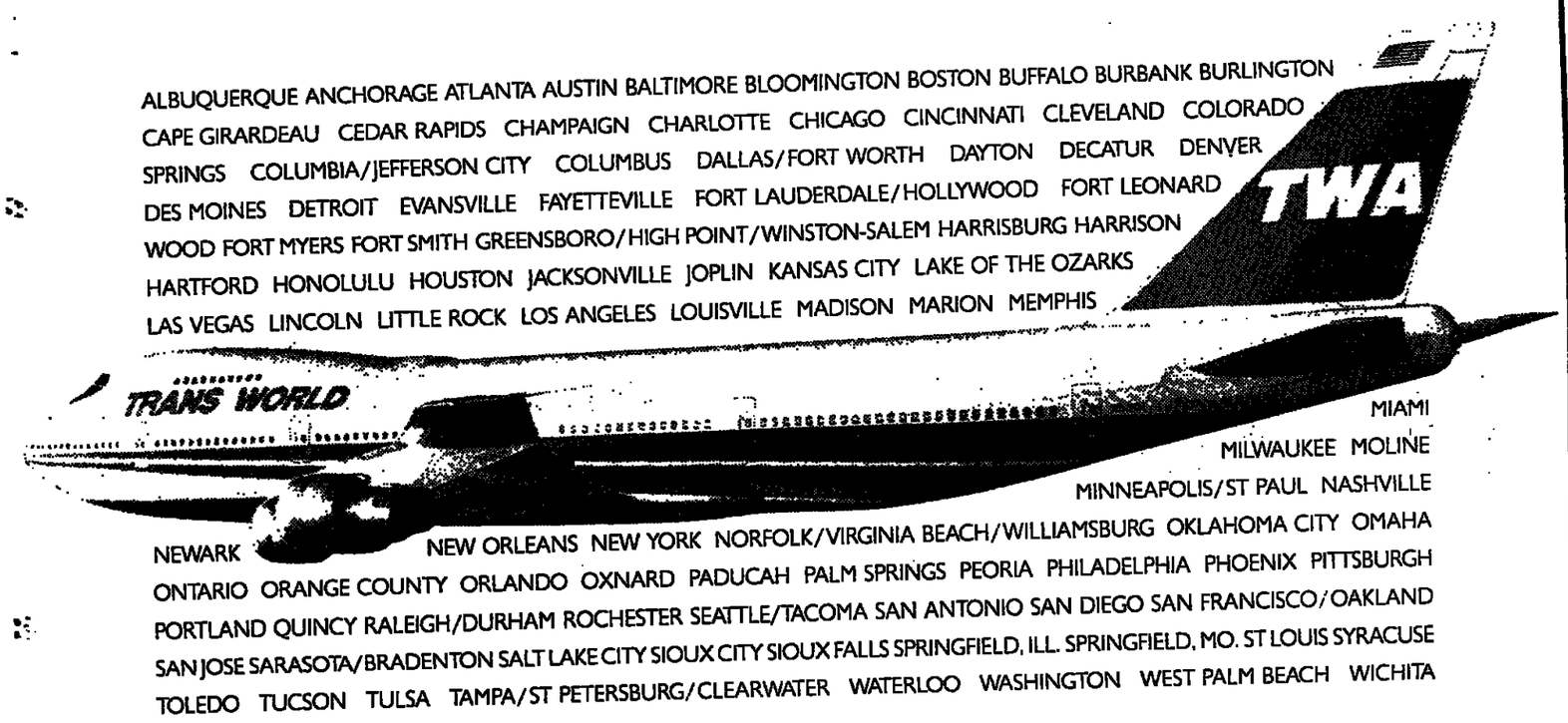
After a private hearing before Mr Justice Roch, the newspaper's deputy legal manager, Mr Tom Crone, said in a statement, that the paper was free to publish the articles and intended to justify them.

"Last night, we showed Elton John's lawyers fresh evidence which has recently come into The Sun's hands," he said. "As a result of seeing that evidence, they have agreed to withdraw their application for an injunction on agreed terms."

Son will share in damages

A boy born four months after his father died in a farm accident is to share £31,500 damages awarded by the High Court in London yesterday.

Paul Dale, aged six, will share £8,500 with his mother, Sandra, of Maldon, Essex, who was living with David Kempen, a farm labourer. Mr Kempen's wife and son will receive the rest.



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WORLD SUMMARY

More say Reagan dishonest on Iran

Washington — Two out of three Americans say that they believe President Reagan is not telling the truth about the Iran-Contra affair, a sharp increase since a month ago, according to a new poll conducted for *The Washington Post* and ABC News (Christopher Thomas writes).

It shows that the President's overall approval rating has not improved, and that public scepticism about the affair has grown. Even so, the survey found that, by 2-1, Americans believe that he is honest.

The White House has conducted its own opinion poll, which shows that Mr Reagan is regarded generally as honest but as not having told the truth about Iran. It shows that Mr Reagan's support, which plunged after the sale of arms to Iran were diclosed, stabilized in February, but "has not significantly recovered" since then.

Sikh trial acquittals

Ottawa — Five Sikhs have been acquitted in Hamilton, Ontario, of charges of conspiring to commit terrorist acts in India, after the Crown prosecution refused to disclose secret information which it said would identify police informers and endanger their lives (John Best writes).

The five were arrested on June 14 on the basis of evidence collected by police telephone tapping. All were accused of plotting in Canada to blow up the Indian Parliament and other Indian government buildings and also of planning sabotage on a train and an oil depot, and the kidnapping of the son of an Indian MP.

Surgeon's holiday

Nicosia — Dr Pauline Cutting, aged 35, the British surgeon evacuated from Bourj al-Barajneh, the besieged Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut, was relaxing in Cyprus yesterday, in hiding from journalists (A Correspondent writes).

She did not stay at the Larnaca hotel into which she was booked, and failed to catch the London flight which a Palestinian Red Crescent official said she would take. "She is relaxing and does not want to be disturbed," a friend said, refusing to say where she was unwinding on the island after her 23-week ordeal. She will probably fly to London today.

Pakistan eases visas

Islamabad — Pakistan is to abolish visa requirements for Pakistanis holding dual Pakistani and British nationality, to allow normal contact with Britain (Hasan Akhtar writes).

Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who arrived home yesterday after a 10-day visit to the United Kingdom and Belgium, said he had also directed his Government to consider making it easier for other Britons to obtain visas for Pakistan. Islamabad imposed visa restrictions for British passport-holders in October, after new British immigration laws were introduced.

He said he was satisfied with talks he had held with Mrs Thatcher on Afghanistan and bilateral relations.

He also said he had discussed the issue of Pakistan's re-entry into the Commonwealth with Mr Shridath Ramphal, its Secretary-General, who told him its request had not yet been considered formally by member countries.



Coup bid arrests

Freetown (Reuter) — Two soldiers suspected of involvement in last month's attempt to oust President Momoh of Sierra Leone, left, have been arrested while trying to flee the country, police sources say.

Lance Corporal Joseph Harding and Private Daniel Kai Kai had been heading for the Liberian frontier, they said.

Gulf cattle ship afire

Manama, Bahrain (AP) — A Philippines-based cargo ship loaded with cattle was set on fire yesterday after an apparent Iranian ship attack in the Gulf about 80 miles north-east of Qatar, Gulf-based marine salvage executives reported.

They said that the captain of the 17,950-ton Corriedale Express, which is owned by a Manila company, put out a distress signal requesting aid. Tugboats were sent in its direction. The captain did not mention whether there were any casualties on board, nor if the cattle were caught in the fire, the executives said.

Arafat's optimism

Harare — The chairman of the PLO, Mr Yassir Arafat, said on a brief visit here yesterday he was more optimistic about the convening of a conference on Middle East peace because of "positive" statements from Washington, but appeared to rule out a healing of his split with the hardline Abu Nidal faction (Jan Raath writes).

● AMMAN: The Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans, yesterday reaffirmed the commitment of the EEC to a Middle East conference (Reuter reports).

Duvalier cash held

New York (NYT) — A Manhattan judge has rejected arguments by Haiti's former president, Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier, and his wife that their personal fortunes should be protected under international law from seizure by Haiti's new Government.

The ruling, in which the judge ordered two New York bank accounts frozen pending a final decision, strips the Duvaliers of their claim that courts in the US have no jurisdiction because Mr Duvalier was a head of state when the accounts were established.

Rail sabotage as strike halts Spanish transport

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Railway power lines were sabotaged near Madrid, and pickets clashed with police in the southern port of Algeciras yesterday as a nationwide strike of transport workers prevented Spaniards from travelling by rail, air or sea at an estimated loss to the economy of about 35 billion pesetas (£168 million).

The one-day strike, called by Spain's two main trade unions, the Socialist-led General Labour Union and the Communist Workers' Commissions, was part of industrial action expected to continue during next month. The principal demand is for wage rises above the 5 per cent ceiling called for by the Government.

Three explosions, believed to be linked to the strikes, occurred just after dawn in Madrid's central Castellana Avenue, causing damage to the glass facade of a bank's offices and at a building site. No one was hurt.

A few long-distance trains, scheduled in compliance with government-fixed minimum service requirements, were obstructed a short distance south of the capital by downed power lines which railway officials said were sabotaged. In Barcelona, railway lines were blocked by obstacles placed on the tracks.

The strike by groundcrews of Spanish airlines forced the cancellation of almost all domestic flights, but did not interfere seriously with most scheduled foreign arrivals and departures.

Police intervened in Algeciras when pickets tried to stop workmen unloading a ferry from the Spanish enclave of Ceuta on the North African coast. The unrest also stopped crossings between the Spanish mainland and the Balearic and Canary Islands.

The strike forced millions of Spaniards, many of whom left home on Tuesday or earlier, to use private cars to reach destinations, mostly on the coasts, during traditional Easter Week holidays.

Strikes are expected to halt trains again on April 30, and on May 8, 15 and 29. Iberia Airlines employees are threatening to work to rule after the current 24-hour stoppage.

Moscow forges ahead in the propaganda battle as Shultz visit ends

Nato dismay at Kremlin's success

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

With a predictability that is the cause of increasing dismay among America's Nato allies, Mr George Shultz's three-day mission to Moscow has once again provided the well-oiled Kremlin propaganda machine with an easy victory over its less effective Washington counterpart.

"The Soviet side has won the information battle hands down, just as it did in Iceland last October and at the Geneva 'fireside summit' in 1985," an experienced West European diplomat observed yesterday. "What the Americans appear badly in need of is some Soviet *glasnost*. Compared with the British, French and the Germans, they handle the press very poorly."

The anger about the highly restrictive information policy practised by the State Department team headed by its chief spokesman, Mr Charles Redman, (known to his questioners as "Chuck") has not been limited to the "non-American Western press" who, until shrill protests were made at a high level, were excluded from his briefings altogether.

Senior American correspondents have also expressed frustration at the lack of information provided by the Washington delegation, and the way in which most of the meagre scraps available have to be attributed to "a US official who would not be identified" (whom everyone involved knows full well is Mr Redman).

This American refusal to be pinpointed as the source of comment contrasted with the stylish performance of Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman (known to Western journalists by his nickname "Geronimo") on Tuesday to an auditorium packed with more than 500 journalists and diplomats.

Mr Gerasimov, a former journalist, not only gave more solid information about the progress of Mr Shultz's talks, but also fielded all questions "on the record", never resorting to the State Department ploy of shielding behind anonymity. Employing his waspish sense of humour to the full, he also managed to convey the impression that he would have given even more information about the progress of the talks if Mr Redman had not privately asked him not to.

The Soviet weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* published a letter yesterday from a labour camp inmate strongly criticizing the penal system (Reuter reports from Moscow).

The letter, sent from a camp in Smolensk by V. Stavrovsky, was believed to mark the first time that comments from a serving prisoner have appeared in the Soviet press. Justifying the decision to print it, a *Literaturnaya Gazeta* commentator said he was convinced the public should know what happens in the camps.

Hand-picked by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to handle all major news conferences at home and abroad, Mr Gerasimov has also been available at a readily-accessible telephone in his Moscow office for all those journalists seeking additional information on the talks — all of it, naturally, heavily-slanted from the Soviet viewpoint.

American journalistic anger came to a head in the small hours yesterday, when a group of about 100 journalists were receiving a singularly uninformative briefing from Mr Redman — delayed without explanation for more than an hour — while missing the full, eight-page account of Mr Gorbachov's sweeping new missile offer running on the Tass teleprinters. Mr Redman gave not the slightest hint that any offer had been made.

The timing and minute detail of the Tass account of Mr Shultz's 4½-hour Kremlin meeting with Mr Gorbachov — excluded from mention on Tuesday night's Soviet television news — appeared part of a calculated Soviet tactic to try to influence negotiations while they were in progress.

Diplomats recalled that a similar strategy was employed in Reykjavik, when selected Soviet officials were prepared to leak tantalizing details of the Kremlin's new arms control package just before the vital last negotiating session between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov.

"There does not seem to be any logic behind the US policy of annoying people by saying nothing, or less than nothing, while the other side is stealing the thunder by putting its own proposals in the best possible light," one Moscow-based US correspondent said. "Our people seem increasingly nervous about giving anything away."

His complaint appeared justified later yesterday morning when the first reaction story on the dramatic new Gorbachov arms initiative by Reuter's State Department correspondent was headlined, uninspiringly: "Shultz declines to comment on Gorbachov arms offer."

Earlier, Mr Gerasimov had been asked by a journalist who had difficulty in finding a seat why he allowed diplomats as well as journalists to attend his briefings. "Through the journalists we can influence public opinion," he responded with a grin. "And through the diplomats, their governments."



Mr George Shultz at the US Embassy in Moscow yesterday meeting Mr Matvei Finkel and his American wife, Susan, who is trying to get her Russian husband out of the country.

Fresh war of words on Afghan conflict

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Moscow's long-expected bid to seize the propaganda initiative in the Afghan war was launched yesterday with a claim that Washington was determined to prevent withdrawal of Soviet forces.

American analysts have long predicted that Moscow's recent statement that it was ready to pull out — and offers by Dr Najib, the Afghan leader, to form a government of reconciliation — were part of a preparation to turn the tables on the West.

A press conference by a senior Soviet diplomat in London yesterday appeared to substantiate those fears. Mr Guerman Gventsadze, minister counsellor at the Soviet Embassy, said that the US had stepped up aid to the Mujahidin guerrillas.

He implied that no withdrawal and no accord at the Geneva talks would be possible without a change of tack by Washington.

"We are not going to abandon the Afghan Government and leave it alone to face outside intervention," he said. "Those who demand the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan do all they can to prevent them leaving.

"They don't really want the Soviet troops to be withdrawn, because that gives them a pretext to poison relations between the two countries."

However, he refused to say how many Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan, or to accept the Western argument that their presence constituted outside interference.

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Tripoli air raid anniversary: Libya celebrates ● Muslims rally ● White House rhetoric slows

Drums beat out as Gadaffi praised by foreign guests

Tripoli (AFP) — The well-orchestrated celebrations of the first anniversary of the US raid on Libya were marked by an all-night vigil and a visit early yesterday to to the damaged house of the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi.

About 400 foreign and Libyan guests are attending the ceremonies, including Mr Ron Brown, the British Labour MP, a delegation of American Indians, and an American radical militant.

Soon after 2 am local time a group of American Indians in traditional costumes began beating drums and dancing on a podium to mark the precise time when bombers sent by their own country started an 11-minute attack on Tripoli and Benghazi a year ago.

Colonel Gadaffi appeared only briefly during the vigil, but his name was acclaimed by many participants, who wished him long life.

The ceremonies had been launched on Tuesday with the first meeting of the World Congress for Solidarity with the people of the Libyan Jamahiriya (republic), during which the participants unanimously condemned state terrorism by the United States, describing it as the main obstacle to peace in the region.

The American Indians, echoing their statements with drum beats, strongly attacked the Reagan Administration. Mr David Dellinger, who was a member of The Chicago Seven, a radical group active in the 1960s, told the congress that President Reagan's state terrorism was a blatant violation of the US Constitution.



Colonel Gadaffi with his 14-year-old son, Saidi, who said in Tripoli on the anniversary of the US bombing: "If defending our country is terrorism, then we are terrorists."

A Soviet official spoke at length, saying that the Mediterranean region should be turned into a zone of peace.

The meeting was followed by a peace march through Tripoli ending at Green Square on the seafront. There, and everywhere else in Tripoli, photographs of civilians killed in the American raid have been put up on buildings to show that the raid did not only hit military targets.

● **"Cowards" claim:** Two of Colonel Gadaffi's children branded the Reagan Administration cowards and terrorists as Libya marked the anniversary with parades, flypasts and speeches (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Libyan radio and television, monitored by the BBC, carried a direct relay from Benghazi of celebrations yesterday, which included a military parade and a fly-past by warplanes.

The Libyan news agency Jana reported that two of Gaddafi's children had told a mass meeting in Tripoli on Tuesday night of "the horrors of the aborted American aggression which they experienced last year".

It said that the children, identified as Aisha and Hanibal, described how they found themselves "thrown against each other" as a result of the raids, and how, as the bombs dropped, they jumped to cuddle their other brothers and sisters.

"They described how their father, the leader, rushed to their rescue," Jana said.

It added: "They could not believe as children that they would be subjected to such a cowardly act by the American Administration."

The 16-month-old adopted daughter of Colonel Gadaffi was reported killed when his home was hit in the raid, and two sons were wounded.

A Foreign Ministry statement on Libyan Radio said that the main purpose of the US attack had been to assassinate Colonel Gadaffi.

It said: "Despite its political and military defeat at the hands of the Libyan people ... the United States is continuing its aggression by using all military, political, media and economic means.

"What is now taking place in Chad and along our southern border is but an extension and continuation of the flagrant aggression against the Libyan people."



Filipino Muslims burning an American flag and a portrait of President Reagan at a Manila shopping plaza yesterday in protest against the US bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi a year ago. There was a similar demonstration in Lafayette Park in Washington, where about 500 protesters, comprising mainly Libyan women and children but including American Indians and black Muslims, carried posters of Colonel Gadaffi shortly before he was to make a speech shown on American television by satellite.

US adopts low-key line on terrorism

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A year after American warplanes attacked Libya, the Reagan Administration has adopted a more subtle, low-key campaign against Colonel Gadaffi. The loud rhetoric about his terrorist activities has ended. Nobody is gloating in public about his stinging military defeat in Chad.

The Pentagon let the anniversary pass yesterday with the briefest acknowledgement, saying that "terrorism and support for it is not cost free". It suggested there had been fewer terrorist attacks worldwide since the raid.

> More cautious professionals now control policies.

The policy of lowering the heat reflects changes in the staff of the National Security Council, where more cautious professionals now control policies towards Libya and terrorism in general. Senior officials have concluded that continual US criticism of Colonel Gadaffi gives him too much credibility.

President Reagan now rarely mentions state-sponsored terrorism. He has stopped giving detailed comments about the American hostages in Lebanon, believing that his pronouncements give exaggerated weight to the terrorists' demands. The aim is to stop hostage-taking being such an effective means of capturing world attention.

American officials say that Colonel Gadaffi is his own worst enemy, and that trying to increase US and European pressure on him simply gives him a convenient excuse for his growing troubles. "Anything we tried to do now would distract attention from what Gadaffi has done to himself," a senior official said.

US analysts believe that discontent is rising among the Libyan military; that the country is in serous economic trouble because of plunging oil revenues; and that Colonel Gadaffi's grip on power is weaker than ever. But nobody is predicting his downfall.

According to State Department figures, terrorist actions in Europe by Middle East groups fell to 39 in 1986 from 74 in 1985. The drop is attributed to tighter security measures and to the expulsion of 100 Libyan diplomats from Western Europe.

Worldwide, however, terrorism has changed little. Mr Brian Jenkins, a specialist on terrorism for the Rand Corporation, a research organization, said that the total of acts of terrorism last year was lower than in 1985, but above the average of the years 1983 to 1985.

> Worldwide, terrorism has changed little.

He believes that the main long-term effect of the US raid is that nations will take more care to conceal their involvement in terrorism because of fears of reprisals.

Americans flock back to holiday in Europe

From Charles Bremner, New York

Undeterred by the slump in the dollar and less worried about terrorism, Americans are flocking back to Europe for their holidays this year.

Airlines and travel agents report a surge of bookings, with Britain and Scandinavia — considered particularly safe — as the top choices.

"*We're extremely* optimistic," a British Airways official said in New York. "The whole thing of Libya and Chernobyl has blown away."

British Airways registered a 20 per cent rise in traffic in March and expects an 18 to 20 per cent jump in American travellers visiting the United Kingdom in summer.

Americans are showing special interest in so-called value added fares, those which include such items as hotels and car hire. Mrs Natalie Kotch, a New York travel agent specializing in up-market tours, said: "People are not afraid any more, but all we need is a couple of big hijackings and they will all get nervous again."

Bookings for both luxury hotels and low price packages are up by between 15 to 20 per cent, according to the travel business. This suggests that Americans are not being put off by the fall in the dollar of about 20 per cent against European currencies since last summer.

Travel agents in New York say they expect a season almost as good as that of 1985, when 6.4-million Americans crossed the Atlantic on holiday. American Express expects a 90 per cent rise in passengers on its guided bus tours of Europe.

Last year Chernobyl and the rash of hijackings, airport attacks and the US-Libyan feud sent many Americans off to places like California and the Caribbean for their vacations.

This year the countries hardest hit by the 1986 tourist slump — Italy and Greece — have mounted expensive campaigns to woo Americans back.

Fanfani takes reins to ease way to election

From Roger Boyes
Rome



Italy yesterday gained a new caretaker Prime Minister, Signor Amintore Fanfani, right, commissioned to put together a government to guide the country towards an early general election.

Signor Fanfani, aged 79, is President of the Senate, the upper house of Parliament, and is thus viewed as being above political squabbles.

He is the latest — and probably the last — in a line of politicians asked by President Francesco Cossiga to find a way out of the crisis that began on March 3 with the resignation of Signor Bettino Craxi as Prime Minister.

His intention is to choose ministers and present them to the President and, if there is broad agreement, Signor Fanfani will be confirmed as the head of a transitional government. This list may not even be submitted to Parliament, to avoid further delays. Parliament would then be dissolved and an election held in 45 days.

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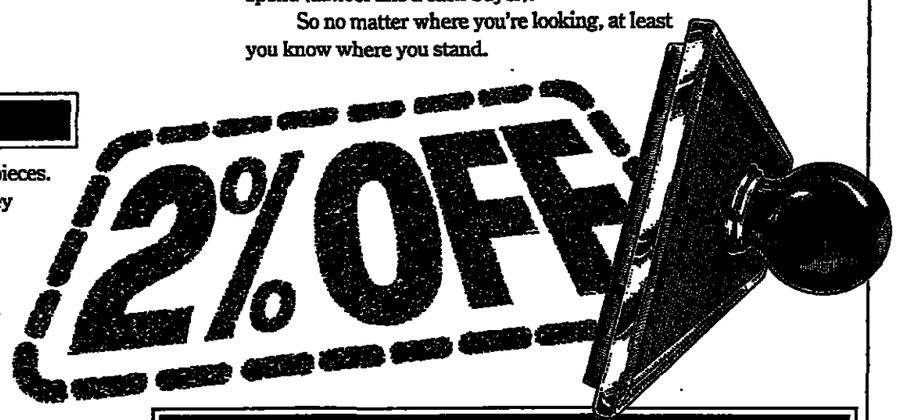
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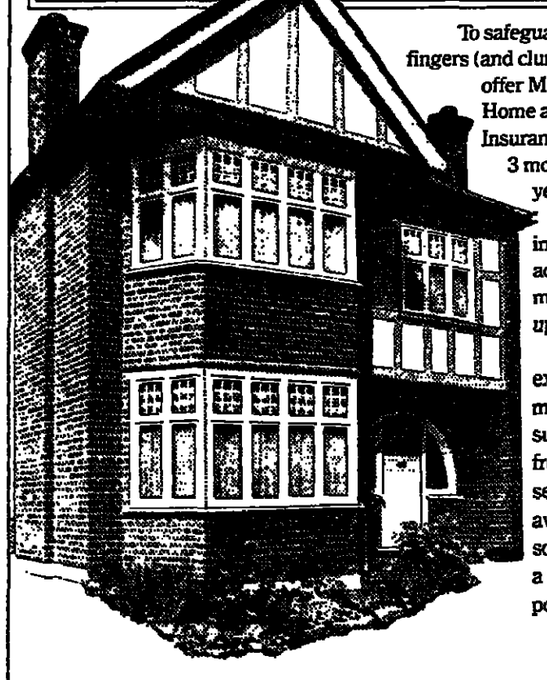
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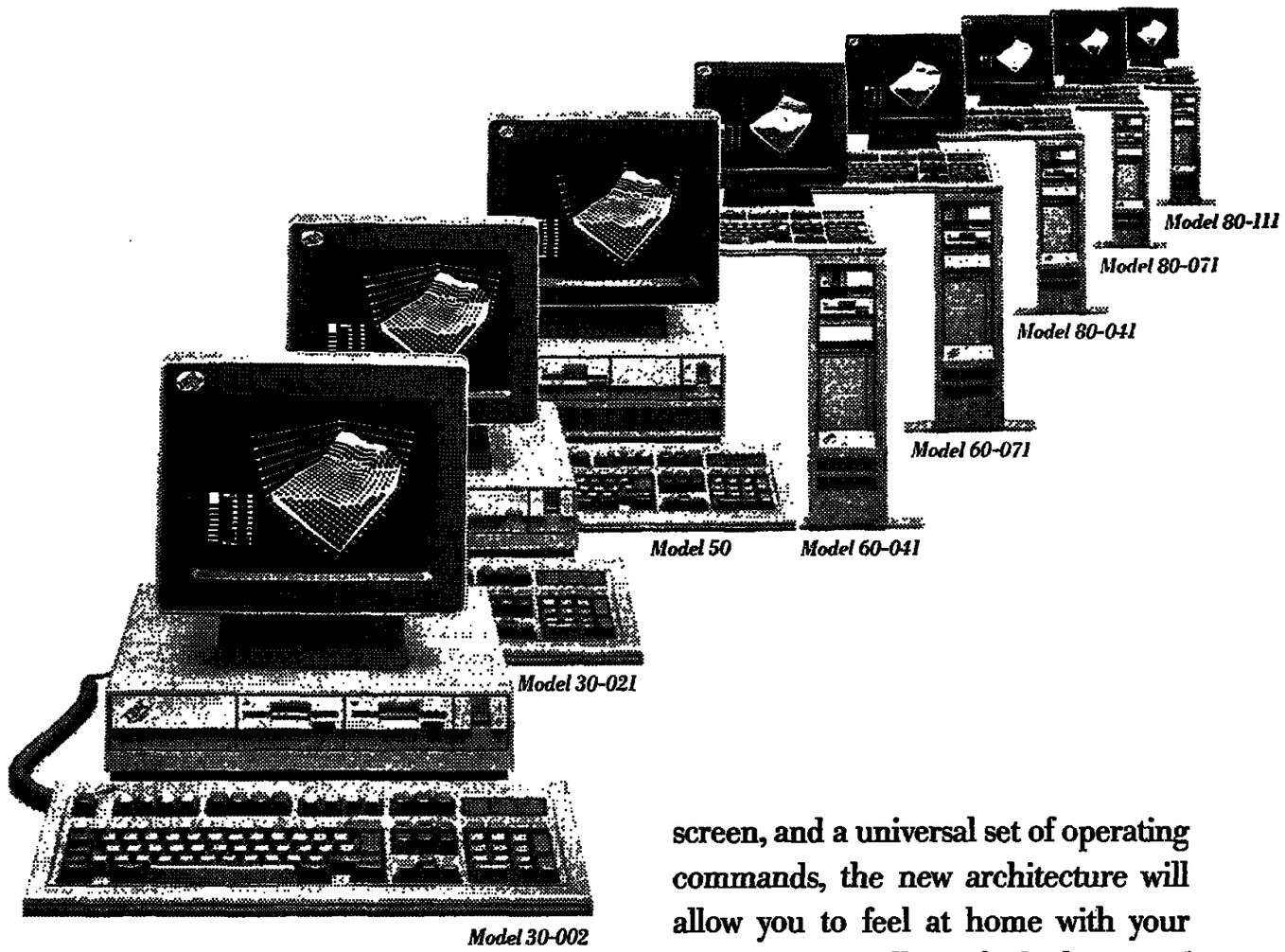
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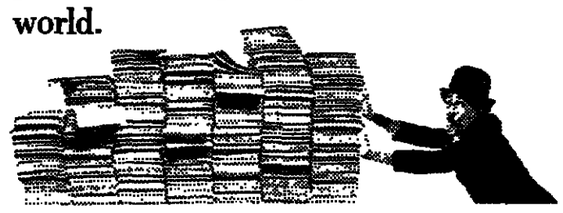
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French nuclear safety fears revived after new series of accidents

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Three accidents at French nuclear installations in the past fortnight have revived safety fears and provoked questions about the nuclear programme's future.

Since the early 1970s France has become the most "nuclearized" country in the world: 45 nuclear reactors are now in operation, with a further 14 under construction. Nuclear power accounts for 70 per cent of electricity produced in France, and for 27 per cent of the country's total energy requirements, compared with a mere 2 per cent in 1973.

A second leak of slightly radioactive uranium hexafluoride, or UF6, gas from a uranium enrichment factory at the Tricastin site, near Pierrelatte, south of Lyons, was dislosed by the owners, Cogema, yesterday.

The leak, discovered on Tuesday night and immediately repaired, was a "minor incident" representing no danger to the environment or employees, though the results of medical tests are still awaited, Cogema said. Less than 4 oz of UF6 escaped.

A more serious leak of the same gas occurred on Saturday night at the Comurhex factory, also at the Tricastin site.

Seven technicians were slightly injured while repairing the leak, and production is expected to be interrupted for several days.

Although UF6 is only slightly radioactive, it is highly toxic and splitsinto fluoridic acid and uranyl fluoride on contact with humid air, causing severe burns.

A third leak, this time of liquid sodium, occured at the Superphenix fast-breeder nuclear reactor at Creys-Malville, north of Lyons, on March 31.

Although the sodium is not radioactive, it is highly dangerous as it ignites on contact with air.

After a two-week search, the source of the leak was found yesterday in the bottom of one of the sodium storage vessels. M Gilbert Labat, director of the plant, said that a minute crack had been discovered in the vessel's metal covering, allowing liquid sodium to escape at a rate of a little more than four gallons an hour.

Despite mounting public pressure for the plant to be closed until the causes of the leak were identified, it is still operating.

M Alain Madelin, the French Industry Minister, who visited the site yesterday, confirmed that the reactor would not be shut "because no safety risk is involved".

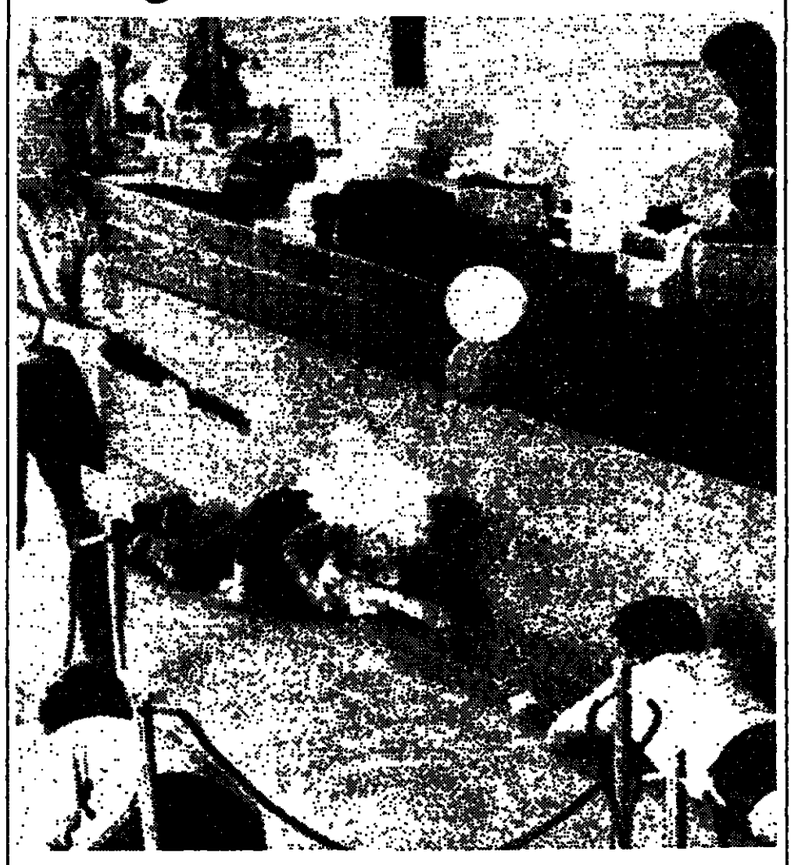
Last month, the left-wing *Libération* newspaper reported that a crack had been detected in a safety circuit pipe in one of the four reactors at the Tricastin power station. It was repaired without incident, and the reactor was not closed down as required under nuclear safety regulations, it said.

There was, nevertheless, praise from outside observers yesterday for the Government's readiness to give the public detailed reports about relatively minor nuclear incidents, as agreed after the Chernobyl disaster a year ago, when the French public was kept in the dark about the dangers.

France has traditionally benefited from a national consensus on the advantages of nuclear power. But the Chernobyl disaster appears to have left its mark.

A recent poll, before the latest accidents, showed that a third of the French would move house if a nuclear installation were put within six miles of their home. But most said a debate on stopping or modify the present nuclear programme would not influence the way they voted.

Shotgun terror in Adelaide bank



A hooded bank robber firing a sawn-off shotgun between a woman clutching her baby on the floor, partly obscured by gunsmoke, and a male customer in the Klemzig branch of the Australia New Zealand Bank in Adelaide on Tuesday as a security camera filmed the raid. No one was injured, and the robber fled.

Curbing Soviet influence

US tries to reopen Pretoria dialogue with black states

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

An American initiative is under way to reopen a dialogue between South Africa and its black-ruled neighbours which would ease the pressure for sanctions and establish the United States as the main arbiter in the region's conflicts in the wake of Soviet attempts to strengthen its military foothold there.

The effort is being spearheaded by an attempt to breathe new life into the 1984 Lusaka Accord between Angola and South Africa, which set up a disengagement zone in southern Angola as a confidence-building measure for the eventual withdrawal from Angola of Cuban troops.

Last week, for the first time in 18 months, senior US and Angolan officals met, in the Congo, to discuss ways of breaking the impasse over the presence of Cuban troops.

The meetings between Mr Chester Crocker, the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and Mr Manuel Alexandre Rodrigues, the Angolan Interior Minister, came amid reports that the Soviet Union is directing a build-up of Cuban and Angolan forces to counter advances by Unita rebels led by Dr Jonas Savimbi.

Mr Crocker is said to be a leading advocate within the Reagan Administration of a policy that seeks to limit Soviet influence in southern Africa by promoting the US actively as the preferable alternative.

Three years ago, with the active engagement of the US, South Africa pulled off two astonishing diplomatic coups by persuading Angola and Mozambique to set aside their abhorrence of apartheid and sign historic agreements with the Pretoria Government.

But after less than a year South Africa's efforts to establish a *Pax Pretoriana* in the region faltered and the disappointment led to strident calls for sanctions.

But now, according to diplomatic sources, the Reagan Administration is trying to exploit an opportunity created by what is being seen as a growing acknowledgement by the frontline states that economic sanctions coupled with Pretoria's retaliatory measures could undermine their very survival.

Misgivings about sanctions by the frontline states, with the exception of Zimbabwe, are being intimated very clearly at the highest levels.

American officials are hoping to take those misgivings one step further and to translate them into a willingness to reach accommodations with South Africa.

Mr Crocker is to follow up his Congo discussions with more in Luanda this month with Angolan officials. It will be the first such meeting in Angola since the US Congress voted to supply Unita rebels with $15 million (£9.4 million) in covert military support.

According to diplomatic sources, the US is also trying to shore up the Nkomati Accord between South Africa and Mozambique.

Although Angola and Mozambique appear willing to explore a return to co-existence with South Africa, there is much scepticism over the ability of the US to deliver the Pretoria Government.

S African appeal on curbing ANC

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa yesterday called on foreign diplomats here to request their governments to put pressure on the outlawed African National Congress to stop using violence.

At a half-hour meeting attended by some 25 diplomats at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, the deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Mr Carel von Hirschberg, also defended new regulations banning public protests against detention without trial.

Britain was represented by the minister at the British Embassy, Miss Tessa Solesby, who told Mr von Hirschberg that the Government opposed all forms of violence but also felt that the underlying political and social problems forming the context for violence had to be addressed.

She expressed "deep concern" about the large number of people detained, adding that Britain viewed the new restrictions on protest against detention as a "serious and worrying development".

Many diplomats were irritated at being summoned to the Union Buildings for the second time in less than a week to be lectured on the ANC. The turn-out was rather smaller and of lower rank than last Thursday, when the Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, was the lecturer.

On that occasion, Mr Botha claimed to have reliable intelligence that some 150 ANC guerrillas, in three groups, were making their way to South Africa through neighbouring countries to disrupt the May 6 general election.

There is a good deal of scepticism about Mr Botha's claim, generally felt to be part of the ruling National Party's election tactics.

If there is no violent disruption of the election, Pretoria will doubtless claim that it nipped the ANC plot in the bud, or that its timely warning prompted neighbouring governments to intercept the guerrillas. No one will ever know if there was a real threat.

New hint at Li's promotion

Peking (Reuter) — Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, will be too busy to go to Moscow for economic talks next month, according to the Foreign Ministry.

The announcement was seen as a hint that Mr Li may be heading for the premiership to replace Mr Zhao Ziyang, currently also acting secretary of the Communist Party.

Mine trap

Sudbury, Canada (AFP) — Four miners were buried under an ore avalanche in a copper and nickel mine in southern Ontario. Their fate was not known.

Police barred

Dakar (Reuter) — President Abdou Diouf of Senegal has suspended the country's striking civil police force, and sacked Mr Ibrahim Wone, the Interior Minister.

Rock death

Paris — A girl aged 16 was killed and two other teenagers injured when a falling rock hit the bus in which they were travelling near Barcelonette in the Alpes de Haute province.

Cosy costume

Tokyo (Reuter) — Diamond merchants have unveiled the world's most expensive swimsuit — in black leather studded with diamonds and worth some £920,000.

Audit order

Abidjan (Reuter) — President Doe of Liberia has ordered an immediate audit of the finances of the Internal Affairs Ministry.

Bank attack

Madrid (Reuter) — Two explosions blew out windows of a bank in central Madrid but no one was hurt.

Coup plot disclosed by Zambia

Lusaka (Reuter) — President Kaunda of Zambia said yesterday that South Africa had tried to overthrow his Government by working through Zambian businessmen who approached the Army for assistance in carrying out a coup.

Mr Kaunda said the plot failed when loyal officers reported it to him. He gave no indication when the alleged plot took place and did not say whether Zambian security forces had made any arrests.

"Some soldiers in the Army, young officers, have been approached by South Africa and Zambian businessmen to take over power. But some of these loyal young men came to me and reported and that is how we discovered," he said.



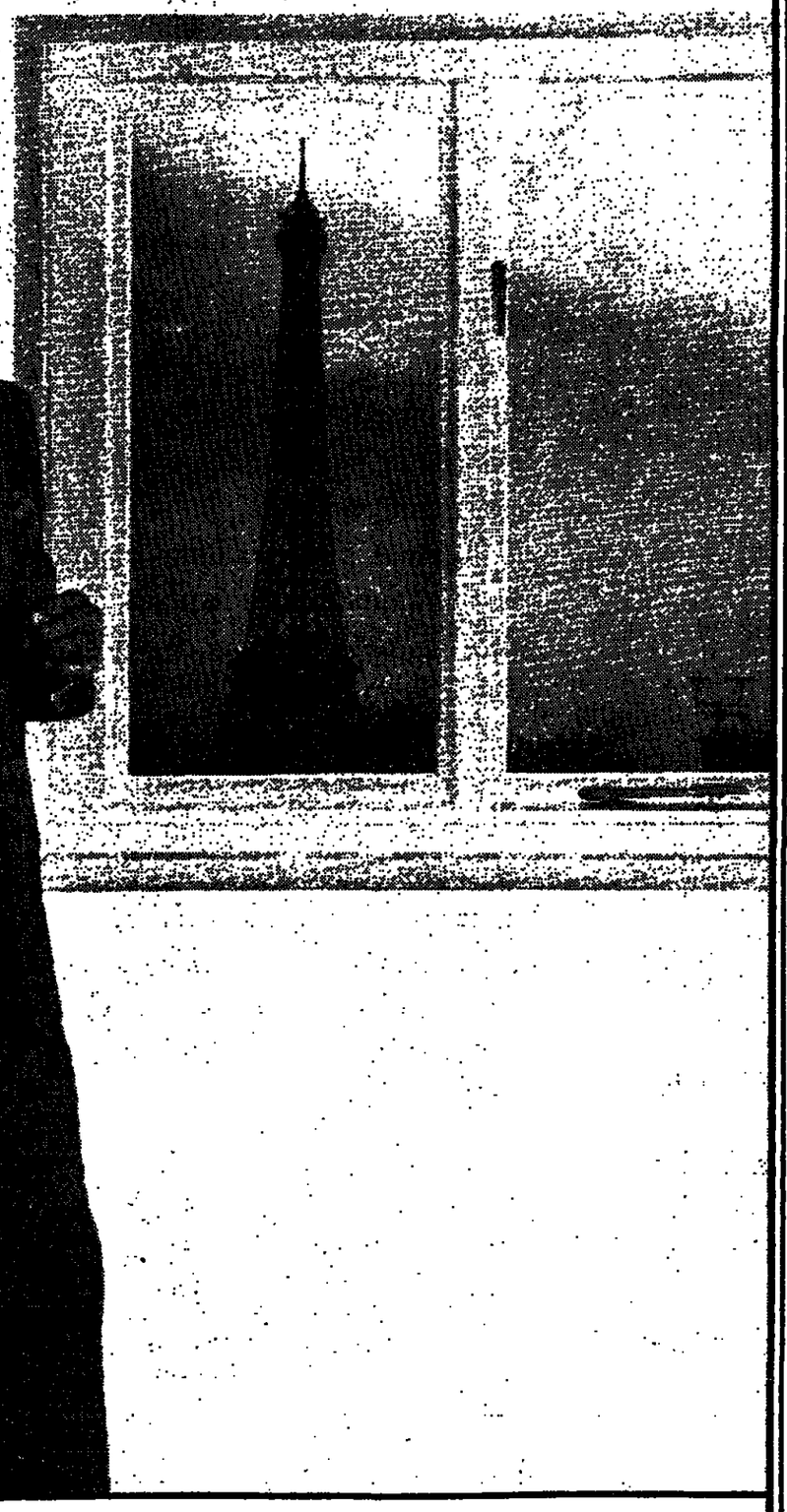
Mr Kaunda: conspirators wanted multi-party system.

The conspirators had wanted to introduce a multi-party system but this would be unworkable because of tribal conflicts, the President maintained. He said the businessmen were black and included former "government associates".

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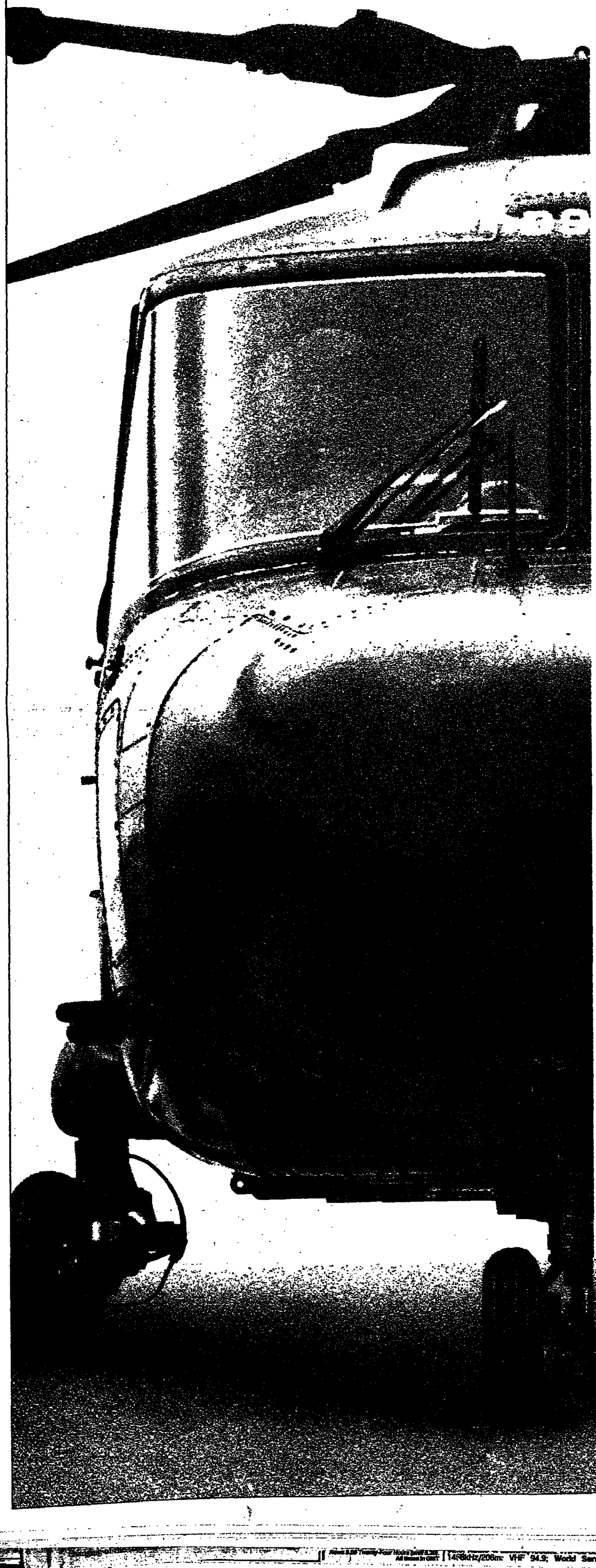
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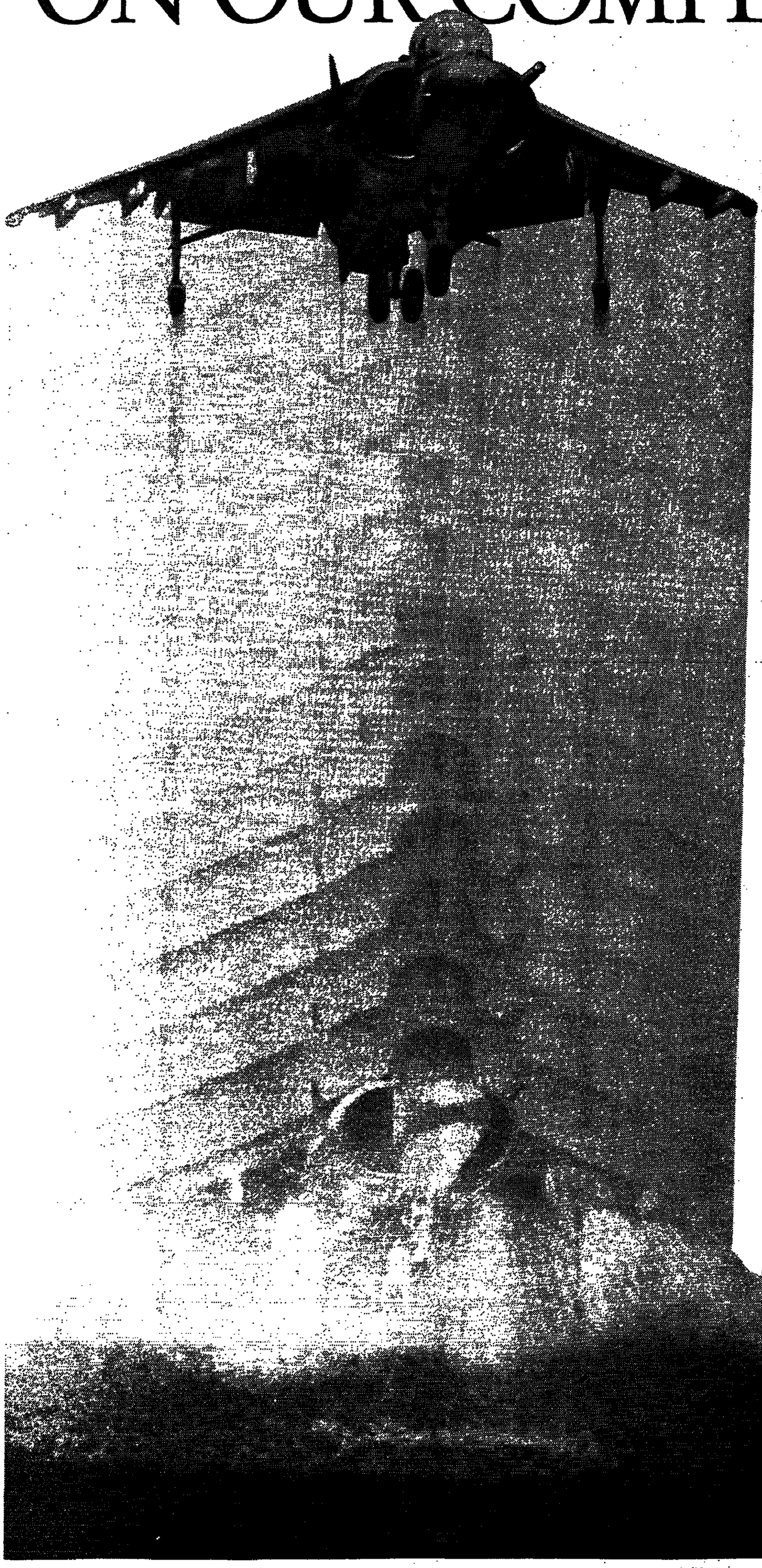
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Japan budget advances amid vote tumult

From David Watts
Tokyo



Opposition MPs protesting in Japan's Parliament yesterday after the Government forced controversial budget measures through the committee stage.

Amid uproar and scuffles, the Japanese Government yesterday railroaded the budget through the Lower House budget committee after weeks of confrontation with the Opposition.

The Speaker took a quick vote and declared the budget passed at the start of the session, with Opposition members barely seated. For several minutes, furious Opposition members of the Diet lambasted the Government for ignoring the democratic process. As the Speaker tried to restore control, a breakdown in the committee room communication system added to the confusion.

The Speaker rejected Opposition calls to declare the vote invalid. But despite the protests, a behind-the-scenes arrangement in which the Government led by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone as Prime Minister would modify much-reviled plans for overhauling the tax system cannot be ruled out. The Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party, Mr Noboru Takeshita, hinted at such an arrangement when he said that while the railroading had been unavoidable, the new taxes could be discussed later.

With time running out before Mr Nakasone's visit to Washington on April 29, the Government was daily threatened with a situation in which it would have no reflationary package to offer President Reagan following demands from other members of the Group of Seven industrialized nations at their meeting this month for such an advance.

Since late last year the Opposition has done everything it could do to embarrass the Government, which normally would have long since got its budget through the Diet.

A Socialist MP said: "This is not even a vote. We were not even seated when it happened. This is outrageous." Another Socialist called the railroading "almost Fascist".

Miss Takako Doi, leader of the Socialists, said: "Three days ago Japanese voters voted overwhelmingly against the sales tax; and three days later the Nakasone Government perpetrates this atrocity.

"This unveils the real nature of the Nakasone Government. We're getting to a level where democracy may be on the brink of collapse. We're resolved to scrap the sales tax. Mr Nakasone has done what he has done, and he'll have to assume responsibility."

But the railroading tactic was defended by a senior LDP member of the Diet, who commented: "With the Opposition party being so intransigent, we really didn't have a choice. When you consider the situation in the international arena now, we must pass that budget now, no matter what."

The leader of the Clean Government Party, Mr Junya Yano, said that a lame-duck government was digging its own grave. "They must be kidding if they think the sheer power of numbers enables them to do anything they want".

There is no doubt that the LDP's vastly superior numbers in the Lower House can get the budget through, but the manner of its passage through the committee stage has given more ammunition to Mr Nakasone's opponents both inside and outside the party.

Already other factions within the ruling LDP have been trying to take advantage of the Prime Minister's tactics.

Uproar in Indian Parliament over arms deal claims

Delhi (Reuter) — Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, sat impassively in India's Parliament yesterday as his Government was denounced as "steeped in corruption" during discussion of a possible $23 million (£14.3 million) arms deal pay-off.

Members of the lower house shouted and exchanged catcalls during an unruly session in which opposition members sought to discuss the resignation on Sunday of the Defence Minister, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, who had ordered an inquiry into the payment, reported by leading newspapers to have been made in 1981. His resignation has shaken the Government's credibility and tarnished Mr Gandhi's image as the "Mr Clean" of Indian politics.

"The Government and the ruling party is steeped in corruption," a Communist member, Mr Suresh Kurup, shouted after an attempt by a junior defence minister and close Gandhi aide, Mr Arun Singh, to explain the Government's position.

Both the opposition and the ruling Congress (I) Party had ordered their members to be present in both houses of Parliament.

Any anti-government motions, and a no-confidence resolution against the lower house Speaker, Mr Balram Jakhar, were doomed by the hefty Congress Party majorities in both houses.

In Mr Arun Singh's statement, made as Mr Gandhi sat calmly in the lower house, he said that the Prime Minister had, on assuming office in 1984, barred all payment of commissions to non-government agents of foreign defence suppliers.

Mr Arun Singh said that the former Defence Minister had asked the Finance Ministry to investigate possible tax and foreign-exchange violations in a "commission" apparently paid to an Indian living abroad and acting as an agent of a foreign defence contractor.

He said that information on the payment had been furnished by an Indian diplomatic mission early this year.

Citing "sensibilities pertaining to international relations", Mr Arun Singh gave no details of the contract in question, but recent newspaper reports have said that it involved the 1981 purchase of West German submarines.

An unruly upper house was adjourned briefly and then reconvened to discuss another controversy stirred by the former Defence Minister — the retention of a US detective agency to check on funds illegally held abroad by Indians.

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Colombian Church crisis

Bank scandal hits pockets of faithful

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

On Maundy Thursday four years ago the faith of many Roman Catholics in Colombia was tested sorely when an earthquake devastated the beautiful Spanish colonial city of Popayan, centre of the nation's Easter celebrations.

This Easter, however, it is as if an earthquake has struck at the very foundations of the Colombian Church itself, in the wake of a banking scandal being likened to the Marcinkus affair in Rome and outspoken comments by President Barco that the Church — recognized as one of the most conservative in Latin America — is "out of date".

As a result, the controversial concordat between Colombia and the Vatican, by which the Church wields considerable power in the "Republic of the Sacred Heart" is being increasingly questioned, particularly on the vexed issue of divorce.



Señor Turbay: criticized for 'good connections' in Rome.

The financial scandal centres on the Caja Vocacional, a Church savings corporation recently declared bankrupt. "We have lost our money and our faith", cry those Catholics who invested the equivalent of more than £6 million precisely because they believed that, as a church entity, their money would be secure.

Their outrage has hardly been assuaged by the revelation that several bishops, privy to inside information, withdrew £210,000 from their accounts three months before payments were suspended by the corporation.

Why did it collapse? "It wasn't the mice who ate the cheese, but a mouse who ate the cheese," one dedicated young priest, working in a Bogotá slum, declared bitterly in an interview. He had no need to identify the ravenous rodent he had in mind.

Monsignor Abraham Gaitan Mahecha, better known as "God's banker" as the corporation's founder and director, owns and lives in a luxurious palatial mansion (price conservatively estimated at about £650,000) in Bogotá, and is well known for his taste for good living.

"I ask myself if a 30-year-old entity, managed by human beings, can commit errors," he blusters. "Humanum est errare. Yes, there were errors; but nobody stole a single centavo." He blames the Caja's bankruptcy on recession and the previous government's economic policies.

Mgr Gaitan now faces trial on multiple charges of violations of banking laws. There was an outcry when it was rumoured that the concordat would protect him from jail, if found guilty. This proved erroneous (though the concordat will allow him certain trial privileges denied ordinary citizens), and there is a growing likelihood that he will indeed serve a long prison term.

President Barco's remarks in a foreign press interview further fuelled debate over the concordat. Though he has claimed, somewhat unconvincingly, that he was misquoted, Señor Barco reportedly said that he had appointed a former president, Señor Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala (1978-1982), as Ambassador to the Vatican because he had good connections in Rome, as shown by the annulling of his first marriage, and so was the ideal diplomat there for a government seeking to renegotiate the concordat, particularly on divorce.

Against Church opposition, civil marriage was introduced in the mid-1970s, but it is an option open only to couples marrying for the first time or for people previously married and divorced under civil law.

Indeed, Church-wed couples who wish to terminate their marriages cannot do so here. They must travel to neighbouring countries, and even on return the state does not recognize their divorces.

Vatican-sanctioned annulments can be obtained, but the process can take over a decade and is so costly that most couples prefer to get divorced and remarry abroad. Church annulments are seen as open only to the rich and influential, a view confirmed by the case of Señor Turbay Ayala.

His annulment triggered widespread cynicism because of reports of numerous indiscretions and because it was well known that he had already established a close relationship with another woman. He later married her — in church — last year, and was then appointed Ambassador to the Vatican.

Marxist South Yemen joins the oil producers

Aden (Reuter) — Impoverished South Yemen announced yesterday that it had found oil for the first time in commercial quantities. It is the last country on the Arabian peninsula to do so.

A government statement said that the country "joins the ranks of petroleum-producing countries, after oil was discovered in commercial quantities and good quality in the (north-west) Shabwa governorate."

Marxist-ruled South Yemen borders Saudi Arabia, the country with the world's largest oil reserves, but its search so far had been largely unsuccessful.

The statement, issued jointly by Mr Salah Abubakr bin Hussainoun, Minister for Minerals and Energy, and Mr Yevgeny Kozlovsky, the Soviet Geology Minister, said that exploration, which began in 1985 had resulted in oil finds in three fields in Shabwa.

The Soviet firm Technoexport has been exploring in Shabwa, 190 miles north-east of Aden. Several other foreign companies are also drilling in the country.

The desert region of Shabwa is just across the border from North Yemen's newly discovered oilfields.

The statement, issued during a visit by Mr Kozlovsky, gave no details of the likely level of output or reserves, saying these were under study by Moscow and Aden.

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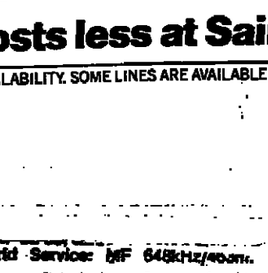


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Laird of Harrods at bay

THE TIMES PROFILE

MOHAMED AL-FAYED

In the quiet hours at 25,000 feet, flitting between the 10 or so homes he has in five countries, *Mohamed Al-Fayed*, the self-exiled Egyptian who owns Harrods, likes to sit on one of the sofas in his private jet and compose music on an electronic keyboard.

"Until this week," said a friend, "the tunes would probably have all come out a bit like 'Rule Britannia'. But now they will be battle hymns. He feels this country has let him down. He is hurt. He is angry."

What has upset Al-Fayed is the decision of the Government to refer to the Department of Trade for investigation his acquisition of Harrods and the House of Fraser retail empire two years ago for £615 million – which he sees as surrender to the long campaign by his arch-enemy, "Tiny" Rowland.

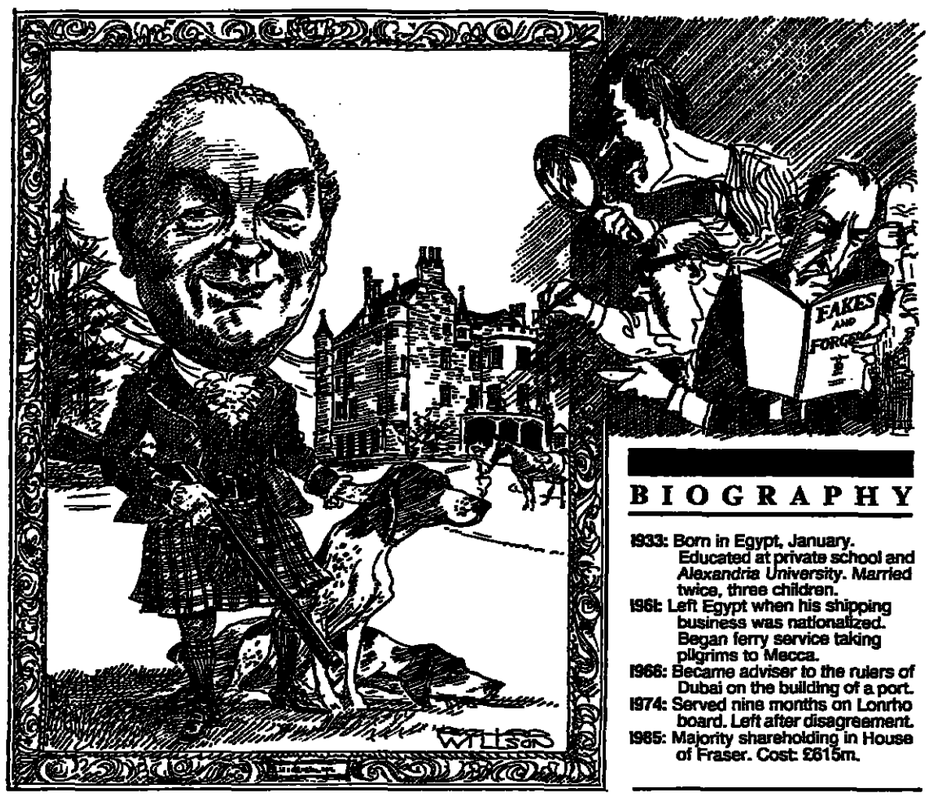
For 30 years, Mohamed Al-Fayed has lived in London a life of quiet splendour, accumulating vast wealth, dispensing lavish but discreet charity, while earning history's debt by preserving bits of the best of the past for the enjoyment of the future.

Of all this, he has preferred to say very little. Interviews have been few, photographs fewer, the perimeters of his reclusive life-style tightly kept. He would say little of his business, less of his feelings. But yesterday, in his beautiful office above Park Lane, he paced between the antiques and the porcelain in a fair old state.

The smile never left his face, his voice never rose a semi-tone, but the words were without restraint. "Yes, I am hurt. I have given the large part of myself to this country which became my home. A government I helped in ways of great importance has shown me now no respect.

"What can be the point of such an inquiry? Two other ministers looked in detail at the Harrods *acquisition, and have been satisfied.* Look here, I show you their letters. OK? So why now do they surrender to this man – to shut him up until after the election? It is a disgraceful thing.

"For 30 years I have done business in the City. Show me one man who has doubted my word. Now there is a shadow on my dignity and my honour. I can live without riches. I cannot live without a good name. A dog barked and the ministers listened." Mohamed Al-Fayed took from a cabinet three letters on the notepaper of Britain's leading construction companies. All, addressed to a Cabinet Minister, evaluating the work the family had secured for them in the Middle East. *The total of the three figures* was just under £2 billion.



The Al-Fayed share of this, he said, was 15 per cent, minimum. "A fraction of our international business. Does that make it seem that the Fayed family are *poor? Paupers? Unable to buy* Harrods even for £615 million with their own money?"

Al-Fayed's friends in the City of London will be much astonished by Mohamed's verbal counter-attack. They have long remarked on the family's tolerance to the churls within our society as the family calmly went about spreading among British companies as much as a third of its supposed £3 billion wealth acquired in the heady days of oil in the Gulf.

They tell of the reaction to a newspaper cartoon on the day Harrods was acquired. Three Arabs at the famous store are offering "feelthy postcards, mister?" The Al-Fayeds' reaction was gales of laughter, and a brisk discussion about which of the robed figures was supposed to be Mohamed, and which his brothers, Ali and Salah.

Thick skin was also needed when Mohamed acquired his Scottish castle: "I was driving up to talk about North Sea oil. I saw this *beautiful monument to the past.* And bought it. The locals were worried. Who was this bloody wog?" The locals now fall in behind the new laird, after he spent £1 million re-building a ruin, establishing a stag herd, revitalizing a distillery and giving work on his 33,000 acres. "I wear the Ross clan kilt. But the true thrill is knowing that a 600-year-old building will now stand another 500 years."

They were scarcely more civil at first in France, when "me, a bloody Egyptian, bought the famous Ritz hotel. Thought I was going to bring it down. They had no idea how much I adore what is famous and noble of the past." What he did was to spend another £30 million re-building the Ritz to standards of Pharaonic luxury – for which effort President Mitterrand made him a Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur.

There were those who were worried, too, when he acquired the home, in the Bois de Boulogne, and all the furnishings of the Duke and *Duchess of Windsor. What would* he do, make it a sort of Windsor Waxworks? His tact – which they say included having a Very Important Personage fly secretly to Paris to rummage through the relatives couple's belongings in case of anything embarrassing left behind – and his proposals for the future of the establishment have now earnt him the city's highest medal.

BIOGRAPHY

1933: Born in Egypt, January. Educated at private school and *Alexandria University*. Married twice, three children.
1961: Left Egypt when his shipping business was nationalized. Began ferry service taking pilgrims to Mecca.
1966: Became adviser to the rulers of Dubai on the building of a port.
1974: Served nine months on Lonrho board. Left after disagreement.
1985: Majority shareholding in House of Fraser. Cost: £615m.

Like the buying of the Paris Ritz, the financing of *Chariots of Fire*, the steady acquisition of anything that speaks of excellence (for example, the company that made Churchill's siren-suits and now provides the Prince of Wales with his ties), the free-handed support of Great Ormond Street children's hospital and the £3 million given to British charities last year, the Al-Fayed touch tends to be light and untrumpeted.

"Some of us were a bit wary when they came in," one of their bankers says. "Used to dealing with old *wealth in the City. Bit nervy about* massive money from the Middle East. But they showed in a day they are not the sort of people who try to begin business by handing out gold-plated Cadillacs, not the sort you see peeling off thousand-buck bills in a casino. The Al-Fayeds, simply, were gents."

The Lonrho feud is thus the more startling. "Tiny shot himself in the foot," another banker observes. "With both barrels. He tried to play Al-Fayed as a sucker, using him to warehouse the 30 per cent of Harrods share he had piled up over six years, thinking the Egyptians could never get the rest. But Mohamed had him over."

Mohamed nods to this. "Perhaps. What happened is Tiny was desperate. *The £140 million I gave him* for his shares I had to spread around eight different banks for him. Yes, no doubt he felt he could get them back when it suited him. He gave *me the chance on a golden tray* – but it was the shareholders who gave me the company."

One story that most clearly backfired was an exposé about the Al-Fayed background: not the sons of wealthy Egyptian ship-owners who fled Alexandria in the face of Colonel Nasser's enmity, but instead the sons of a "mere Customs official".

"Call that an *exposé?*" Mohamed is said to have roared. "That is something to be ashamed of? The son of an official . . . of a British administration? Is that not something of which a son would be proud?" But what was interesting, added the man who reported the incident, was that nothing would get Mohamed Al-Fayed, that most private of men, to say whether it was true or false.

Brian James

Switched on to 'audio Valium'

America's new age Yuppies discover our old-age music

What does the stressed-out New York baby-boomer put on his compact-disc player when he gets home after a heavy day of corporate take-overs? These days it's likely to be something New Age.

Denigrated variously as "audio Valium" and Muzak for Yuppies, New Age music has entered the American big time. It is filling record shops and taking over radio stations.

Easier to discuss as a social phenomenon than to define, *New Age music* is usually serene, atmospheric, ethereal and purely instrumental, heavy on repetition and hi-tech effects. It draws on jazz and non-western forms; it combines the ancient and modern, the synthesizer and the harp.

Youngish Americans may just be latching on to the New Age, but any Brit over 30 has long known it under other names. Its precursors were the Moody Blues, Procol Harum and Pink Floyd of the late 1960s and early '70s, followed by Brian Eno, the electronic German band Tangerine Dream and the layered hypnosis of Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells*.

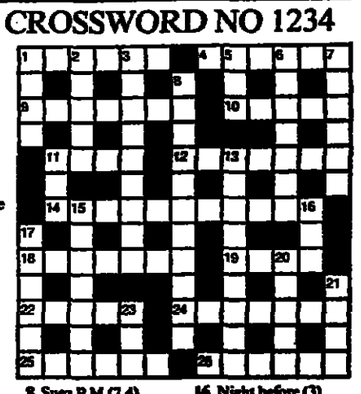
***Windham Hill* Records of California recently conducted a consumer survey of what has now become a $4 billion industry. The audience falls mainly in the 25 to 40-year-old range, confirming that the style appeals most to the pop generation of the 1960s and '70s, tired of the Thumpus Non-Interruptus of '80s disco and rock.**

There is a psychiatric explanation too. One Washington doctor pronounced last month: "It's no surprise that this type of music would appeal to young careerists. They hate their daily lives and they want a womblike refuge. It's a type of drug."

The latest sign of recognition has just come from Los Angeles, where the city's leading underground rock purveyor has just dismissed all its disc-jockeys, replacing them with actors presenting hourly vignettes of characters like "Steve", who "drives an early '70s Porsche and loves to sail".

Charles Bremner

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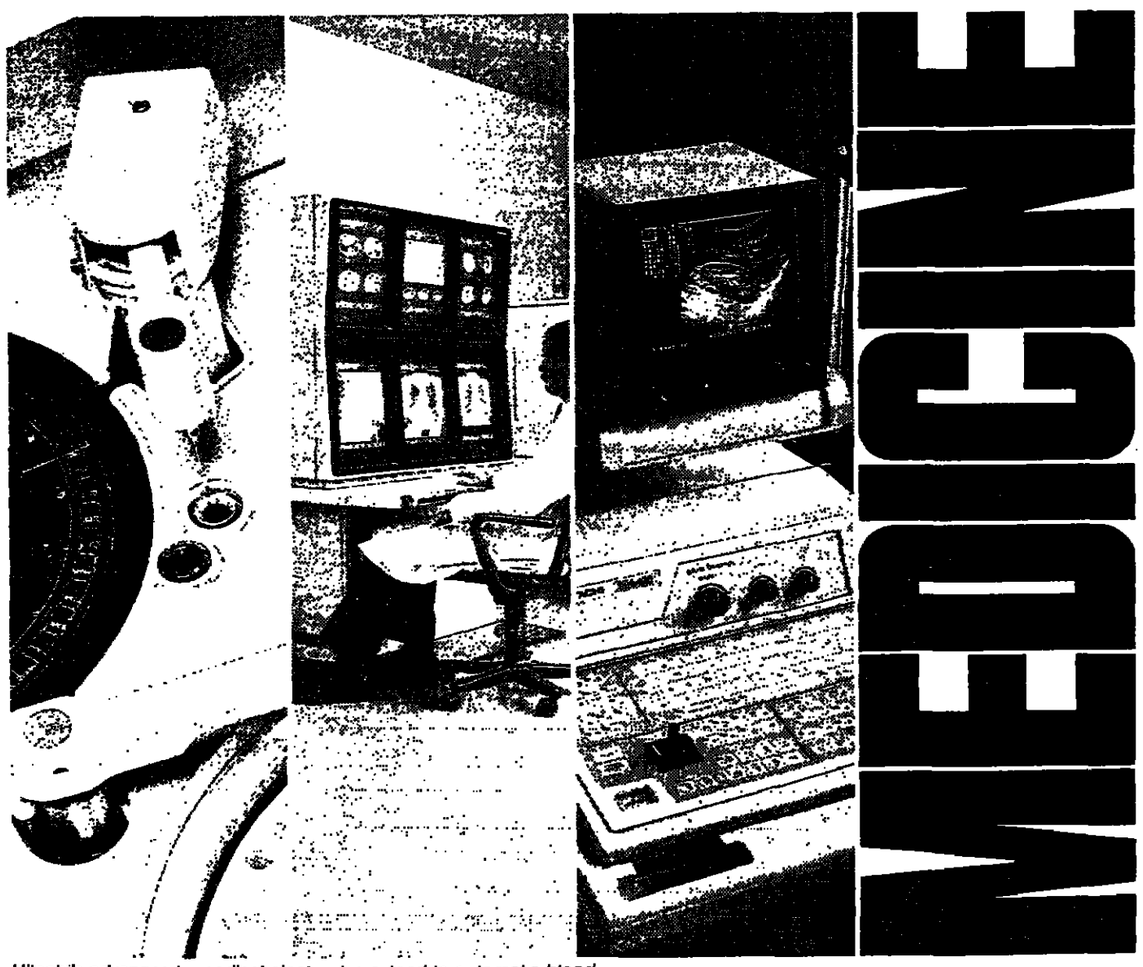
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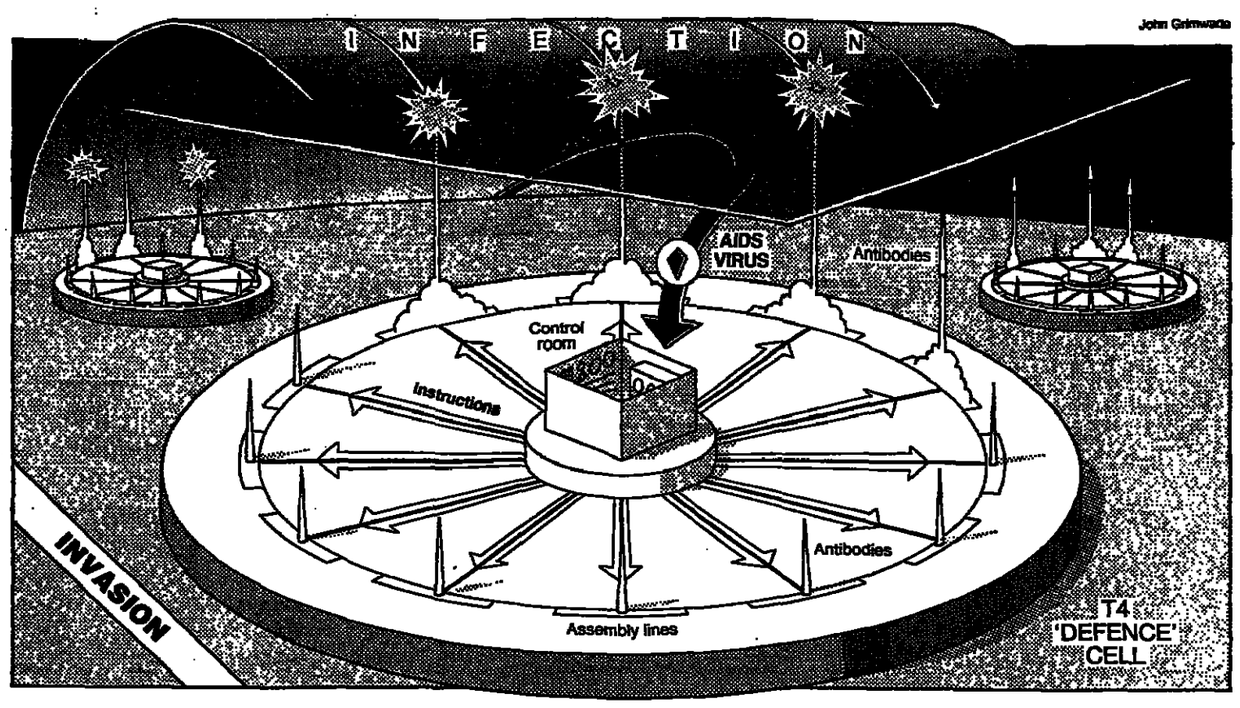


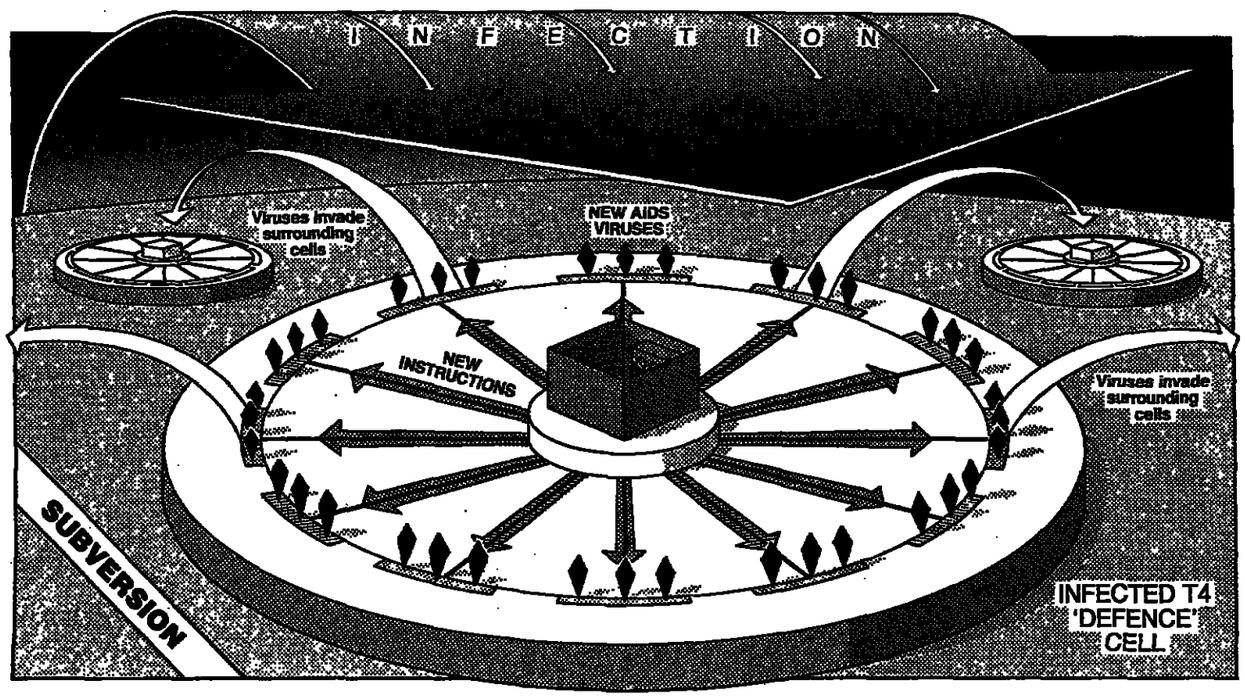
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Racing to kill a killer

The battle to find a vaccine for the Aids virus has begun. Thomson Prentice looks at research around the world





THE ENEMY WITHIN **In Aids, healthy human cells are hijacked by the invading virus and commanded, in a series of complex chemical signals, endlessly to take over and destroy the very cells responsible for helping to defend the body against disease.**

The intruder rapidly becomes an inextricable part of these cells. Anyone who becomes an HIV carrier thus remains infected, and potentially infectious, for life. The virus may remain dormant for years, causing no symptoms. But when activated, it destroys white blood cells, known as T4 cells, which are crucial to the human immune system.

Alarming evidence now suggests that the virus also attacks the brain and central nervous system, and possibly also the cells which line the internal organs and the body cavities. If so, vaccine development will be even more difficult.

Several different strains of HIV, all capable of causing Aids, have been found in Africa, Europe and the US. Others may yet be discovered.

The question is: can one vaccine be effective against all the strains? Scientists are divided on the answer.

They find themselves faced with a moving target that is also a master of disguise and has the ability to hide for years in the body before it strikes.

Millions of lives around the world today are held hostage by a microscopic enemy so weak that it shrivels and dies in sunlight and can be killed by a splash of household bleach. It is only within the sanctuary of the human body that the Aids virus becomes a monster.

Pitted against this invading alien are the most brilliant scientists in more than 100 countries, backed by vast amounts of research grants and every weapon in the armoury of biotechnology.

The quest for a vaccine is the most urgent and intensive in medical history. But experts warn that it will be at least five, and possibly more than 10 years, before one can be delivered. This bleak outlook is one of the hardest aspects of the Aids epidemic to accept. Why is the task so daunting?

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) may prove to be the most deadly enemy mankind has ever faced. It is a lethal microorganism of "unprecedented complexity", according to Sir James Gowans, secretary of the Medical Research Council, which has been given £14.5 million by the Government for Aids vaccine research.

The National Academy of Sciences in the United States warns: "Developing this vaccine presents scientific challenges that have never before been responded to successfully."

Viruses are the smallest of all disease-producing organisms, and notoriously the most difficult to defeat. For example, there is still no cure for the common cold or for influenza, both viral infections.

HIV is no ordinary virus. It belongs to a group called retroviruses, only recently discovered, which pose far greater challenges. They plague many animal species, but have been identified in humans only in two forms of leukaemia in the last seven years. Attempts to develop vaccines against animal *retroviruses have invariably failed.*

Despite these awesome difficulties, research teams are making impressive progress. A handful of candidate vaccines already exist.

In Paris, Dr Daniel Zagury has injected himself with one experimental version, without side-effects. He is extending the tests to a small group of healthy volunteers in Zaire, where his research began. Professor Luc Montagnier in Paris is also at the forefront.

Similar advances are being made in the United States, where first-stage human trials are planned within the next few months. Leading the work are such experts as Dr Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute, at Bethesda, Maryland, who with Professor Montagnier, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, first identified the Aids virus.

In Moscow, where Aids is known as Spid, Dr Rem Petrov, of the Academy of Medical Sciences, is trying to develop a vaccine.

Professor Bill Jarrett, a veterinary pathologist at Glasgow University, developed an effective cat leukaemia vaccine in the 1970s, and his expertise in that field may be invaluable to work on an HIV vaccine. His British team has been working with Dr Gallo and colleagues in the US, and with his daughter, Dr Ruth Jarrett, who is also a leading Aids researcher, has developed a possible vaccine.

The candidate has been tested on chimpanzees in America. "The results are promising," she says. "But there is a long way to go."

Like most other teams, the Jarretts are using only part of the Aids virus to build a vaccine. The use of a whole virus, or a "live" version of it, has been ruled out because of serious risks to volunteers on whom it would be tested. And a vaccine is useless on anyone already infected.

The outer proteins, or envelope of the virus, seem the most likely source of a vaccine. Such proteins provoke the immune system to defend itself, producing antibodies that neutralize the protein but not the components that cause the disease. Scientists hope that artificially-induced antibodies would neutralize the whole virus if exposed to it.

An alternative method is to insert the viral gene that produces the protein into the DNA of another "carrier" virus and use it to stimulate immunity.

Whatever route is chosen, however, fundamental problems are inescapable. Research requires extensive tests on animals. But only chimpanzees are suitable for advanced tests, and they are an endangered species. Some researchers believe they can move directly from early tests on laboratory mice to humans, and although this may be quite safe, Dr Jonathan Mann, of the WHO, counsels against cutting corners in vaccine work. "Short cuts can lead to brilliant breakthroughs, or terrible mistakes," he says.

Beyond animal trials lie preliminary tests on humans. The product has to be shown to be safe and efficacious after its immunity potential has been established.

But studies will require thousands of volunteers to test a candidate vaccine, and their responses and health must be closely monitored for years before the vaccine can be considered safe for general use.

But how can people be encouraged to risk infection by a potentially fatal disease, in the face of public education campaigns warning them to avoid taking such risks?

How are volunteers to be found, and from which groups should they be drawn — homosexuals, bisexuals, prostitutes, drug addicts, their lovers, husbands or wives? Should the "high-risk" populations of central Africa become the human guinea-pigs for the western world? And for how long should the tests run, given that the incubation period of the infection may be several years or more?

Scientists are struggling to resolve these dilemmas. "As yet there is no scientific consensus on how these trials should be conducted," Dr Mann acknowledges.

Drug companies watch anxiously, fearful of marketing a flawed vaccine that could result in colossal compensation claims against them.

For all these reasons, a vaccine remains a small light at the end of what is not so much a tunnel, but a very long and dark labyrinth.

Small wonder that governments stress the need for changes in behaviour to control the epidemic. By the time an immunization programme is launched, millions of people world-wide may have died. For the many millions more who become Aids carriers, the vaccine will be useless.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Controlled trials

Despite evidence that spina bifida, the congenital neurological abnormality which frequently results in paralysis, can to a large extent be prevented — by pregnant women taking folic acid and vitamin supplements for 28 days before conception and for 12 weeks afterwards — it is still common for pregnant patients to see their doctors for a preconceptual chat without being prescribed the necessary vitamins.

A report in *Pulse* of a trial at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford emphasizes the need for the vitamin supplements and will further embarrass the Medical Research Council, which was subjected to considerable abuse in 1983 when it organized a multicentre trial to evaluate the advantage of vitamin supplements in early pregnancy.

In that trial, which is still in progress, some pregnant patients are being deprived of the additional vitamins; the data will therefore be conclusive, but as a result it is feared that a number of babies will be born suffering from spina bifida who would otherwise have escaped.

In the Oxford trial, in which there were no such controls, 169 women who had previously had an affected baby were given the supplements; statistically, 4 per cent would be expected to have another affected child. None did. Altogether, in 10 centres, including Oxford and involving 1,080 women, there were 10 recurrences instead of the expected 43.

Spina bifida is often associated with hydrocephalus and other neurological abnormalities which, advocates of the vitamin supplements believe, will also be less common if women take folic acid and additional vitamins.

Instant relief



Drinking too much coffee has recently been shown to cause an increase in serum cholesterol levels and to have the immediate effect of raising the blood pressure; it has even been cited as a possible risk factor in heart disease. Scientists in Milan have now studied the long-term effects of coffee consumption on the blood pressure of 500 patients between the ages of 18 and 62 and have produced some cheering figures for coffee addicts. Their work, published in Clinical Science, *shows that the continued consumption of one to three cups of coffee a day resulted in a significant, if not very great, fall in both the systolic and diastolic blood pressure.*

It would seem that the immediate effect of a cup of coffee is not a true indicator of the results of long-term use.

Fit and fishy



A few years ago, it was said that it was possible, at business lunches, to spot those guests who had regular medical checks by their preference for fish rather than meat. Fish oil, it is thought, lowers the triglycerides, one of the body's blood fats, improves the proportion of the comparatively harmless high-density to the dangerous low-density fat in the blood and thereby helps to prevent heart disease.

Fish is expensive and to achieve maximum advantage a diner would have to eat a salmon a day. But now, according to an exclusive report in *Pulse*, the Committee on Safety of Medicines is to license the prescription of Maxepa, concentrated fish oil, for the treatment of high blood levels of triglycerides. In future the NHS will provide two teaspoonfuls of oil (10 grammes) a day (the equivalent of one salmon) for those with a proven medical need.

Maxepa, made from pilchards and sardines, has been available without prescription in capsular form for some years. Though less fishy-tasting than cod liver oil, it tends to regurgitate and gives a whole new meaning to the term aftertaste.

Salt sellers



Some sufferers from high blood pressure are helped by cutting the amount of salt in their diet. However, reducing the intake of salt may not be easy. A recent research report from the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, reported in The Lancet, *suggests that only 15 per cent of the total intake is discretionary — added at the table or in the kitchen.*

Previous reports which have suggested that 25 per cent to 50 per cent is discretionary have failed to take into account the amount of salt left in the cooking water, or which has dried on the saucepan.

In the western world 10 per cent of salt occurs naturally in food; 75 per cent is added by manufacturers; so 85 per cent is non-discretionary. The researchers suggest that reduction can be achieved only with the co-operation of the food manufacturers.

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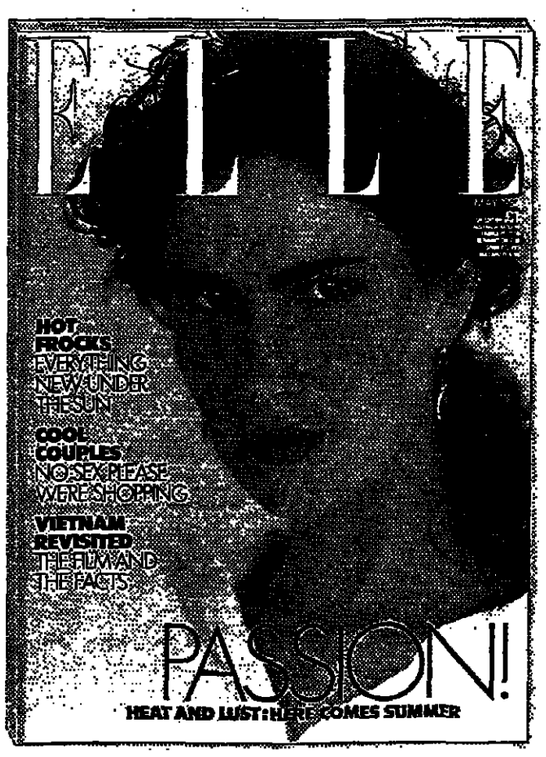
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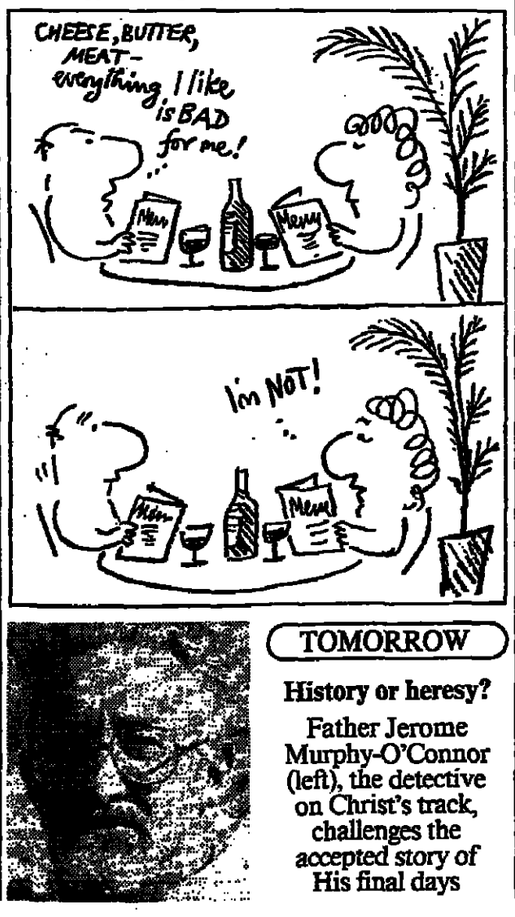
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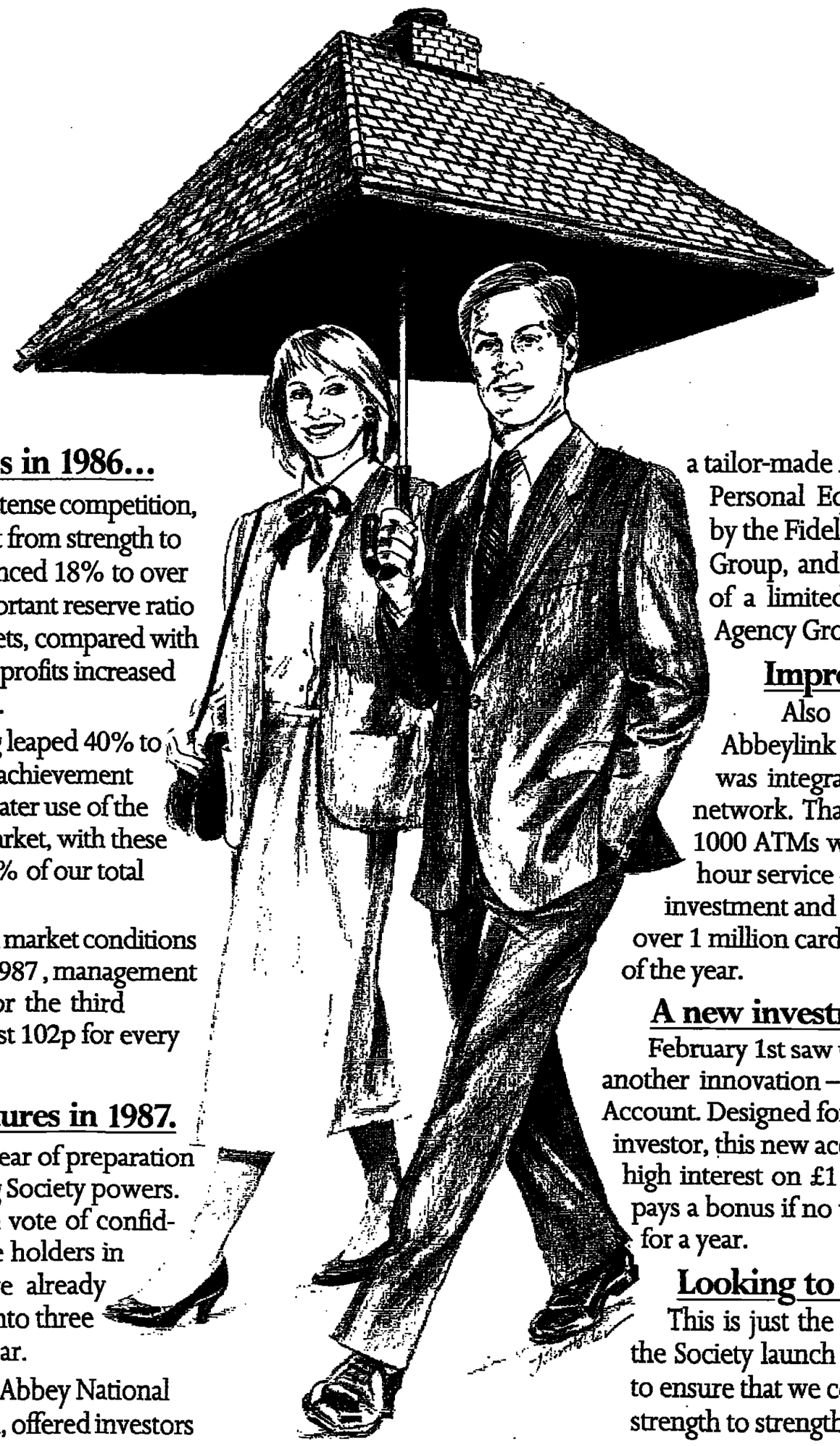
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BOOKS

Romance with a human face

Peter Ackroyd reviews a mixed bag of romances, blockbusters, bodice-rippers, and a seriously popular novel

THE MAID OF BUTTERMERE
By Melvyn Bragg
Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95

WIDE-ACRE
By Philippa Gregory
Viking, £10.95

DESTINY
By Sally Beauman
Bantam, £10.95



Contrary to academic literary belief there is no real distinction between "popular" and "serious" novels; certainly it would have come as a great surprise to the 19th century. The only significant division is the simple one; that between good and bad fiction; and one of the most interesting aspects of the last decade has been the extent to which the better English novelists have been adopting what were once considered popular forms – historical fiction perhaps being the most notable – and using them for their own purposes.

So it is that Melvyn Bragg has taken what was once a great Romantic story to explore what has now become one of the most prominent themes in his work – the virtues of failure, contrasted with the strange and diminished world of success. This is the story of an impostor and a bigamist, a self-styled Colonel Hope, who travels to the North, where eventually he marries the "Maid of Buttermere", a young woman from the Lake District whose natural beauty inspired the dreams and confirmed the theories of various early 19th-century writers. Coleridge and De Quincey were both interested in what became a *cause célèbre* – Coleridge because of his interest in Nature; and De Quincey because of his equally Romantic preoccupation with crime. Now Melvyn Bragg has taken up the affair, and in the process has created a fascinating network of duplicity and adventure.

But the fascination springs essentially from his own attitude towards the material, since the theme of success allied with imposture, of failure leading to redemption, is at the centre of this book. The adventurer was once a "poor boy" aping his betters; the eponymous Maid is a piece of nature slowly being transformed into Romantic artifice. What, or who, is real? This is a novel of confrontations, of argument, of characters divided within themselves, and one that perhaps necessarily must end in disaster. Bragg has a deep belief in innocence, a belief almost in the *need* to fail in order to be saved; and it is this secret source that gives his writing its energy and conviction. This is historical fiction with a human face, as it were, rather than a period mask.

Perhaps most important it is a fine story, a once "popular" story, a significant story. And everyone needs stories: cosmology has now become a story, and quantum physics relies upon necessary fictions in order to explain the nature of matter. Man ought to be redefined as the story-telling animal, since this is the activity through which we helplessly and inevitably describe our world. There is no end to stories – and here, in *Wide-Acre*, is another one.

Wide-Acre might be described as a big book. They are a common sight, these granite blocks that are heaved into buses or wheeled onto tube trains, brought out with the aid of cranes from capacious handbags, and devoured in the various urban rush hours. Devoured is the right word, for this species of fictional *pabulum* creates the appetizing illusion of a complete, self-contained and explicable world. Reading the best of them is like watching a log-fire slowly burn.

Wide-Acre is actually a very engaging book – historical fiction presented in a much less complex way than in Melvyn Bragg's novel, but vigorous nonetheless. The 18th-century woman is a neglected creature (or at least she was until recently) but, in the figure of her heroine, Philippa Gregory has defined a certain kind of wildness, of female assertiveness, which may have a great deal to do with the 20th century, but which is here buttressed by the novelist's close understanding of the 18th.

Murder and incest are two of the less egregious elements in the book; but the danger of *Wide-Acre* turning into an historical farrago is notably diminished by Philippa Gregory's powerful involvement in the story. This is a novel written from instinct, not out of calculation, and it shows.

The same cannot be said of *Destiny*, which has all the right effects in the right order (sex, film stars, sex, jewellery, sex, big business, sex) but never really becomes more than the sum of its increasingly disparate parts. Just as many popular novels of the last century were based upon stage melodramas, so this particular version seems heavily reliant upon the models of film or television: the language is deracinated, false, on occasions almost impossible to read.

In fact its putative models are sophisticated: television soap-opera does not necessarily take itself seriously, for example, and it can include a range of parodic effects. But *Destiny* is entirely without a sense of humour; it remains a flat, mechanical exercise with apparently no other purpose than to serve a particular if nebulous market. There are novels which can take popular taste and turn it into something quite powerful and strange (those of Daphne du Maurier are an example); there are others, and this is one, which reflect it at its crudest and most obvious.

Memoirs of a Mediocrity

Woodrow Wyatt

TIME AND CHANCE
By James Callaghan
Collins, £15.95

Mr Callaghan filled the four highest offices in the state with outstanding mediocrity: the pedestrian style of his memoirs admirably matches the achievements of the career he recounts. Though there is not a yawn on every page, the reader must endure a great many to find passages which come alive.

His father's death at 44 left a proudly independent Mrs Callaghan on a disgracefully low pension, with a desperate struggle to give her family a decent upbringing, which she valiantly did. If there had been a little more money about young James would have gone to university, instead of becoming at the age of 17 an Inland Revenue tax officer.

In the author's case, starting to earn his living so young was a great advantage to him subsequently. By the time he was 24, he was assistant secretary to the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, and on his way to creating priceless bonds with trade union leaders. After a commendable war in the Royal Navy, which he insisted on joining despite attempts to stop him on the grounds that his work as a union official was of national importance, he became an MP in 1945 and resumed his trade union job.

But it was the glamour of political power and fame that young James sought; and in 1947 he became a junior Minister, staying on the Labour front bench for the next 33 years. He was never ashamed, nor should he have been, of his political ambition; though Mr Attlee tartly told him that none had a prescriptive right to promotion, when James indignantly asked why Frank Pakenham, and not he, had been made First Lord of the Admiralty in 1951.

There was nothing to fear. Callaghan's assiduous attentions to trade union leaders got him the key Labour Party post of Treasurer in 1967, which he held until he was Prime Minister in 1976. His public betrayal, while a Cabinet Minister, of the Wilson-Castle attempts at trade union reform consolidated his support among many Labour MPs, and the unrepresentative trade union leaders. Mr Callaghan was either too dim to see, or did not care that Labour's retreat from trade union reform was to be a major part of its undoing. But by that time he had been Prime Minister for three years, clinging on tenaciously, but without purpose, until dislodged by a lost vote of confidence.

The most entertaining part of the book discloses the cunning manipulations of the author, juggling with the Liberals and all comers to stay Prime Minister as long as he did. It reveals starkly the horrors of a post-Wilson Labour Government (which had been bad enough), in hock to trade union leaders and a Left-dominated Labour National Executive. It is not a pretty picture.

Mr Callaghan quotes at length from his speech, partly written for him by his son-in-law Peter Jay, at the 1976 Labour Conference, in which he announced that the spending had to stop. He omits his more significant reference to "a new factor creeping into the Party, which I warn against – namely those elements... who seek to infiltrate our Party and use it to their own ends." He and Mr Wilson will be convicted at the bar of history for their failure to prevent, when they could have, the Labour Party becoming unacceptably extremist. This led to the emergence of the SDP, and probably to Labour's terminal illness.

However, despite his many defects, Mr Callaghan remains as sturdy a patriot as his parents would have wished. He has not been afraid of the odium from his old colleagues for staunchly condemning abandonment of the British nuclear deterrent; though it seems he may have been silenced on this matter from now on until after polling day.

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FICTION
Gillian Greenwood

GREYHOUND FOR BREAKFAST
By James Kelman
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A SUMMONS TO MEMPHIS
By Peter Taylor
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THE STORIES OF MURIEL SPARK
By Muriel Spark
The Bodley Head, £12.95



Idiosyncratic: James Kelman

The works of James Kelman are not a comfortable read. He writes in a flat plain style embellished by the very occasional deliberate grammatical distortion, and is made idiosyncratic by the hard Glaswegian voice of his characters and narrators, and by his peculiar vision that lifts these scenes from Glasgow life into a universal literature.

His latest book, *Greyhound for Breakfast*, follows two novels which contained all the strengths of his earlier short pieces, but strained over the long stretch. In this new collection of stories, however, Kelman's world is displayed to best effect in glimpses into lives dictated by unemployment, oppressive domestic conditions, regional depression, and a culture reflected in its despairing humour.

Some of the stories are third person narratives: "Renee" and "*Greyhound for Breakfast*" are both poignant examinations from opposing angles of the standard Glaswegian happening of an adolescent deserting to London. The title story is remarkable in its compression of a whole life and way of life into the purchase of a dog. Equally revealing is the return of a native in "Home for a Couple of Days" to find that the society he knew has not merely disintegrated but is utterly enervating.

Other Kelman pieces are strange interior monologues which illuminate the world of those on the fringes of society ("Old Francis") and also short, short pieces of 20 lines or so that capture a moment, a thought, an irony.

Despite the naturalism of his settings and dialogue, there is a nightmarish, unreal quality about Kelman's work. He pays homage to Kafka in his story "In with the Doctor" (in which a patient, though treated with friendliness, is never actually examined). Through his eyes Glasgow get a treatment that has its literary roots in Europe rather than Britain.

A Summons to Memphis, by Peter Taylor, though firmly set in the American South, takes its structure and content from Freud; or at least from the psychoanalytic movement. Peter Taylor has previously concentrated on short stories; and, like Kelman, seems not to be a distance runner. This novel, despite its many qualities, should have been a novella.

Phillip Carver, only surviving son of the Southern Carver family, narrates this family history, prompted by the sudden desire of his 81-year-old widowed father to marry again against the wishes of Phillip's two unmarried sisters.

The family trauma revolves around a financial scandal and betrayal, which obliged the autocratic Father Carver to move his wife and adolescent family from Nashville to Memphis. This geographical change is charged with cultural overtones, which subtly play havoc with the precarious adolescent sensibilities of the four children.

The slow uncovering of the emotional complexities that have led to the children's desire for revenge, and the coming to consciousness of their motivations form the novel's narrative. If it is a familiar story, it is one that is well crafted, except in the introduction of a family friend, Alex, who seems intended to act as some sort of measure of normality. He fails both as a character and as a device. The novel is also too drawn out to maintain the intensity of the incestuous and murderous childhood longings, which are so successfully drawn behind the middle-aged façades; and the pace slows too far to sustain the final ironies.

"The higher mountain reaches were beyond me except by bus, I was anxious, however, to scale the peaks of Frau Lublonitsch's nature." In this quotation from "The Ormolu Clock", one of the 27 stories in this complete collection of Muriel Spark's short fiction, she states an intention that has consistently underpinned her work over the last 30 years. Mrs Spark never analyses or explains her characters, but reveals their capricious cross-currents against a background where eternal truths do battle with more worldly concerns.

This collection of her stories is arranged chronologically, and shows not only some stylistic development, but is particularly interesting for the period detail and fashionable mores she assimilates and uses. In "The Black Madonna", an early story, she perfectly describes the aspirations and surface liberalism of an upwardly mobile 50s couple who befriend and parade two recent Jamaican immigrants. (They receive a Catholic comeuppance to test their charity which shows Muriel Spark's comedy at its most black.) The racism and snobbery of that particular moment are caught so finely that they transcend their narrow period, to seem timeless.

Closer to the present, Muriel Spark has entered a world where unmarried women pick up truck drivers in Italy with casual ease and a degree of social acceptability ("The Dragon") but we are still in her quirky fantastic, yet recognizable world, where the supernatural coexists with the fanciful and the domestic. Each story is an enthralling piece of Mrs Spark's art.

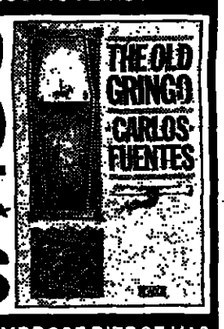
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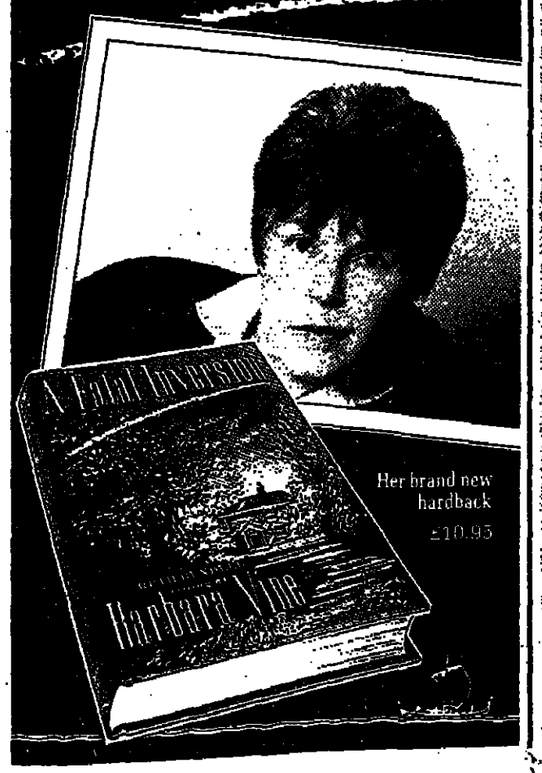


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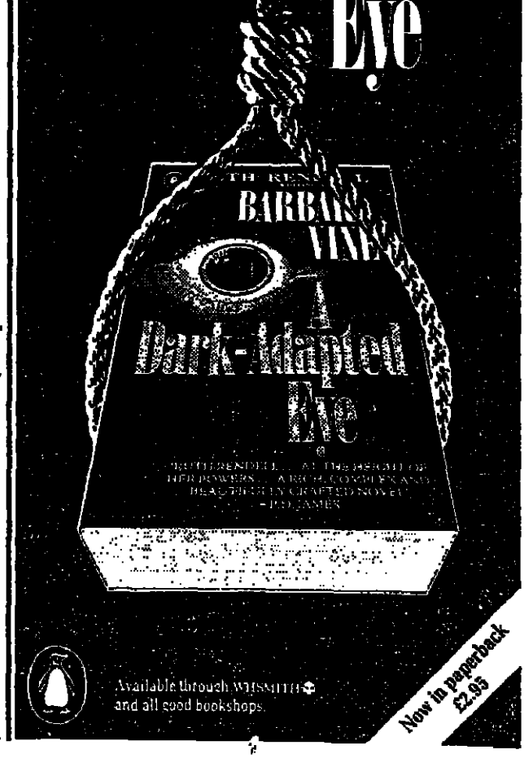


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Terror squad

The European fight against terrorism is to be given a boost. The Trevi Group of EEC interior ministers, set up 12 years ago to co-ordinate the efforts of member states' police forces, looks set to become a permanent organization. A widely supported Belgian proposal to be discussed at its meeting in Brussels on April 27 would create a secretariat. British police forces are abuzz with rumours that the chief constable of Surrey, Brian Hayes, is in line for a top job. But a more likely candidate, I am told, would be a Home Office civil servant. One reason for the increased importance of Trevi (so-called because its inaugural chairman's name was Fontana) is that Interpol is considered hampered in its anti-terrorist activities because Libya is a member.

Red Clydesider

The spirit of *glasnost* is alive and well at Strathclyde University. Today Vladimir Karpov, the former editor-in-chief of *Novy Mir* (New World) and the first secretary of the Union of Soviet Writers, is awarded an honorary D Litt. Karpov, author of patriotic war novels, who was a political prisoner under Stalin, came to Strathclyde's attention last year when his interest in the recently rehabilitated Russian poet Gumilev brought him into contact with the university's Russian studies department. It will be a rare distinction for the eight other honorary graduands to rub shoulders with a Hero of the Soviet Union and member of the Supreme Soviet.

Going, gone

Sotheby's is being hit by an exodus of talent, despite its recent record-breaking sales of canvases and jewels. I hear that in the space of one week the auctioneers have lost Eric Tourquain, director of the Old Masters' department, as well as Max Rutherstone (19th-century Continental) and David Moore Gwynn (British paintings). The malaise, moreover, seems to have spread across the Channel. The head of Sotheby's Paris, Marc Blondeau, decided last week to leave after 18 years at the helm. "I'm looking for new horizons," he tells me.

Plaque remover

More work for the district auditor. Mary Leigh, the Tory leader on Lambeth council in London, is to complain to him about the ruling Labour regime's latest plans for town hall fixtures and fittings. A £1,000 banner held aloft by disqualified councillors on a march to the Old Bailey is to be housed in a glass case costing £450, while £4,500 is being spent on a plaque commemorating South Africa's Sharpeville massacre. "I know their dodge," she tells me. "They'll justify it under the Local Government Act by saying the spending is in the interest of part of the community. Even disqualified councillors are part of the community."

Hog horror

Near-tragedy at the Olympia Book Fair: having brought down a collection of animals to promote *The Zoo in the Garden*, its publishers discovered on their return that Amadeus the hedgehog had disappeared. A security guard finally found him trundling down an aisle in the early hours of yesterday morning. "Thank heavens it wasn't the bird-eating spider," say Box Tree Books.

BARRY FANTONI



"Very nice, squire, but where's the freezer section?"

Kind to Kinnock

As his political fortunes worsen, Neil Kinnock may soon be in need of the sort of sympathy he was offered back in the dark days of the 1984 miners' strike. Then, as the criticism intensified, Hugh Gaitskell's widow, over 80 and suffering from severe arthritis, hobbled through Parliament's long corridors to Kinnock's room. "I think they're all snobs," Lady Gaitskell began, referring to his newspaper critics. "I travel on the buses and the people on the buses aren't snobs and they think you're a good man." Telling the story in his new book on the Labour leader, Michael Leapman says Kinnock finally inquired why she had come to see him. "That was all I wanted to say," she replied and left. The bad news for Kinnock is that his sixth-former son, Stephen, is thinking of taking a career in journalism. If you can't beat them. . .

PHS

How big a nuclear melting-pot?

by Michael Evans

The Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachov, has opened another door. With immaculate timing, he has offered to dismantle all the Soviet SS12 and SS23 missiles in Europe which have a short range of between 300 and 600 miles. Thus he meets with one throw the fears of Britain, West Germany and other Nato countries that have been in a state of nervous tension ever since the cluster of initiatives from Moscow has created the prospect of a nuclear-free Europe. Or does he?

In fact the reverse is true. As each nuclear layer has been stripped away by Gorbachov, the allied governments have instantly switched their focus of alarm to other Soviet missiles which remain a potent threat to the security of Europe. It has become in some ways a safety-net mechanism. Leaders such as Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany do not accept that a Europe denuclearized would be a safer place.

So when Gorbachov offered to accept the Nato concept of zero option for medium-range missiles — the Soviet SS20 and Nato's cruise and Pershing 2 with ranges from 1,120 to 3,100 miles — they warned that the shorter-range weapons would have to be included. First the Russians threw up their hands in apparent bewilderment. Now Gorbachov has said: "Okay, we'll scrap the lot."

Everyone should be happy. But Nato's commanders are wondering where it's all going to end. The strategy for the defence of Europe is based on the reasoning that since Nato could not afford to match the Soviet Union's overwhelming superiority in conventional forces, it has to rely on nuclear weapons for deterrence.

If the medium- and short-range nuclear missiles down to a range of 300 miles are eliminated, on the ground level you are left with just two layers of nuclear defence.

First, the so-called operational tactical nuclear weapons: on the West's side, Lance missiles with a range of about 70 miles and French Pluton missiles with a 75-mile range; and on the Soviet side, the Scud and Frog missiles with ranges from 44 to 187 miles. Second, the multitude of battlefield tactical weapons, the nuclear-capable artillery shells with ranges up to about 17 miles.

Nato is engaged in updating these tactical weapons, following a decision in 1983 by Nato's defence ministers. The artillery shells, for example, which have a conventional and nuclear capability, are to be given a longer range and greater explosive power. Are these, too, to be thrown into the melting-pot?

The problem is that if the superpower momentum for an arms-control deal, directly affecting Europe, continues at its present heady pace, Nato commanders will be forced to rethink the whole concept of the modern battlefield, and European governments will need to spend much more on conventional forces to maintain sufficient deterrence. This seems highly unlikely.

The Soviet Union has increasingly matched the West in the technical sophistication of its conventional weapons and enjoys an advantage of 2½ to 1 over Nato in tanks and artillery. With defence budgets coming under more and more pressure, it is inevitable that conventional weapons, which are enormously expensive to update, will feel the pinch.

Since November 1984, Nato has adopted a new concept of conventional defence called Follow-on-Forces Attack. Its principal objective is to destroy, with sophisticated multiple-warhead weapons and targeting systems, the Warsaw Pact's second-echelon forces which would follow a main attack.

The introduction of these precision-guided "smart" munitions would raise the nuclear threshold in Europe because technically they would be capable of carrying out the task that at present would depend on battlefield nuclear weapons — halting a massive advance of Soviet tanks.

But many of these emerging technologies are experimental and the cost will be prohibitive. General Bernard Rogers, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has said that this technology could be purchased for a real annual increase of 4 per cent in defence budgets. In Britain's case, that is out of the question. This is one of the reasons why Mrs Thatcher made it clear to Gorbachov during her Moscow visit that she was not in favour of ridding Europe of all its nuclear weapons. It's not just deterrence at stake, it's plain economics.

Undoubtedly with the way arms-control negotiations are going between the Soviet Union and the United States, the British and French independent deterrents will take on an increasingly high profile. For this is one area where European countries as opposed to the superpowers hold the trump cards. Neither Mrs Thatcher nor President Mitterrand has any intention of handing them over to join the nuclear free-for-all.

The British obsession

Why should we forever be victims of calendar-induced frenzy when holidays come round? John Grigg suggests ways to ease the crush



The British way: a mid-Victorian day out

At Easter 1939 the British Establishment was in a state of considerable shock. On Good Friday Mussolini invaded Albania, so creating news and work during a British holiday weekend, when news and work are, broadly speaking, not supposed to occur.

As a High Anglican, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was particularly indignant that the deed was done on Good Friday. Less pious spirits were merely outraged that an upstart foreign ruler had shown such disregard for our recreational routine.

At least Halifax stayed in London that Friday. He spent most of the morning in church and in the afternoon decided not to go to Yorkshire. Normally he went there on Friday afternoons even in times of crisis. But most of the cabinet, including the prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, were already scattered. On Saturday only what Cadogan (permanent head of the Foreign Office) calls "a scratch crew" of ministers was available for a meeting at 10 Downing Street.

It was not until the Monday that the full cabinet met — its first meeting on a bank holiday since the Great War. Meanwhile Henry "Chips" Channon, a fervently pro-appeasement MP who was also PPS to the junior Foreign Office minister, R. A. Butler, was catching frogs on his country estate with his three-year-old son (the present Secretary of State for Trade and Industry). Parliament did not meet until the Thursday.

It should be remembered that all this was happening in a period of acute international tension. The previous month Hitler had marched into Prague, showing how much his assurances to Chamberlain at Munich had been worth. Rumours of Mussolini's impending coup had been current for at least a fortnight. There was no excuse for an attitude of business — or rather, no business — as usual over Easter.

But in our country, weekends, and especially the big national holiday weekends, are sacrosanct. Though we may not care too much about holiness, we worship holidays.

Even during the Second World War the habit to some extent persisted. On Saturday, May 13, shortly before D-Day, there was heavy road and rail traffic to Ascot races, which struck Robert Bruce Lockhart as "a typically English performance".

In his diary for that day he adds: "Imminence of total extinction will not stop the English from their games and their racing, and today's show was perhaps an indication that the 'great change' which Labour is always saying has taken place in this country in the last five years is perhaps not so great as Labour thinks."

Lockhart's view betrays an excess of puritanism. It was not necessarily bad that Ascot races were being held before the Normandy landings, any more than it was wrong for Drake to be playing bowls as the Armada approached. All the same, the judgement that the change of mood during the war would not effect the cult of holidays was certainly accurate.

It is not the number of our holidays, but rather their concentrated character, that makes them a menace. Though in many ways individualistic, we are capable of behaving like lemmings in our quest for recreation. And in this respect things have been getting worse in recent years.

The Christmas/New Year holiday season has now assumed almost the proportions of a general strike extending over 10 days. The combination of two holidays and two weekends is quite devastating. With Easter late this year, the spring holiday season will be rather similar, since the relatively new May bank holiday weekend will be following Easter with only one weekend in between.

It is tempting to suggest that fixed bank holidays should be abolished, and an equivalent number of days off be allowed each year to everyone instead, the actual days to be negotiated with employers. But this would be too drastic a solution. Many traditional activities, in towns and perhaps still more in the country, are associated with bank holidays.

A possibly acceptable compromise might be a more or less even distribution of bank holidays through the year. The "Easter" bank holiday might be established as the first Monday in April, regardless of the ecclesiastical date of Easter. Since what used to be the Whit bank holiday has been separated from the church festival of Whitsun, the precedent for such a change exists.

A decent interval would then always elapse between the Easter and May Day holidays, and between the latter and the spring (formerly Whit) holiday. There might, however, be a case for giving people the option of a holiday at, say, the end of June. If they chose this, they would treat the spring bank holiday as an ordinary working day.

A similar choice is desirable for the summer bank holiday. Limiting it to a single date in August produces one of the most gruesome of our national secular rites, in which millions suffer the maximum discomfort and misery. A choice between at least two dates, in July and August, would surely spread the load and so make each day, weather permitting, a pleasure rather than a penance.

The most difficult and controversial task would be breaking the solid mass of holiday at the turn of the year. But it is essential that this should be done. It seems to me that either Christmas or New Year should be treated as a full-blown holiday, but not both.

Again there could be a choice, and for either there would be a bank holiday to follow this festival day. (An extra day could be added for New Year, to balance Boxing Day.) But people would have to opt for one or the other. To compensate for the net loss of one public holiday — since there are now three over Christmas and New year — a new one could be created in the autumn, to coincide with the school half-term.

Much of the traditional bank holiday pattern would thus be preserved, but with far greater flexibility.

There is scope, too, for purging the British weekend of its more objectionable features. One of these is the non-collection of letters on Sundays. Most other public services work adequately at the weekends, but the Post Office collects no letters between the middle of Saturday and Monday morning. Sunday collection ended while the postal service was merged with telecommunications in a single corporation, and ending it may then have served to promote the (anti-social) use of the telephone at the expense of letter-writing. Now that the Post Office is on its own, it should have the incentive to compete with British Telecom, instead of leaving one whole day of the week to be monopolized by, as it were, the rival channel.

Mention of channels brings us to the worst scandal of the British weekend, the treatment of news by the television networks. They, indeed, seem to work on the principle that news ceases to occur at weekends. TV news bulletins on Saturdays and Sundays are half as long as on weekdays, and even more inferior in quality.

There is no justification for this. Sunday newspapers are not thinner, but on the whole fatter, than dailies, and the serious ones devote themselves as much to political and social news as to sport and miscellaneous entertainment. Why, then, should the ITN and BBC news be reduced to providing such insubstantial fare?

The advent of a holiday season compounds the triviality with which the programme-planners oppress us. Despite the growing excitement of politics, Sir Robin Day had to say that his excellent *Question Time* would be off the air for two weeks "because of the BBC's holiday arrangements".

Too bad if somebody invades Albania.

Tangled tale of the great Thyssen offer

The activities of Baron Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, "Heine" to his friends, are nothing if not spectacular. Next Monday he will celebrate the opening of an exhibition of the Forbes collection of Fabergé at his lakeside villa in Lugano with the ascent of a hot air balloon (made in Britain) in the form of a Fabergé Easter egg.

The baron is not only one of the richest men in the world but also a passionate art collector and his Old Masters collection, housed in a gallery adjoining his lakeside villa, is considered the finest in private hands with the possible exception of that of the Queen. It is now being suggested that the entire collection may be given to the Prado in Madrid, a gift that might be worth £1,000 million.

On past form, it is unlikely that the baron — an exceptionally astute businessman — would do this without an equally munificent quid pro quo. The Prado affair is, however, mysterious.

At the press view of the Fabergé exhibition on Monday, the baron parried questions about the Prado. He had received an offer that it would house his collection but no decision had been taken, he said. The director of the Prado, Professor Alfonso Sanchez, told *The Times* yesterday: "At this moment the Prado has absolutely nothing to do with this offer." The initiative came from the ministry of culture.

Thereby hangs a tale. The baron and Sanchez have been feuding for several years. To enhance the attraction of his own collection at the Villa Favorita in Lugano, which is open to the public through the summer, the baron mounts spectacular loan exhibitions. It all started in 1983, when he gave Impressionist paintings from Russia their first showing the West.

That gave the baron the idea of showing treasures from other great collections in Lugano and an approach was made to the Prado. Sanchez raised every kind of objection (the baron's favourite was that the Villa Favorita was dirty and had no light) but negotiations continued because of the strong support from the ministry of culture. When they failed, the ministry suggested an alternative, an exhibition of the paintings by Goya in Spanish private collections.

This stunning exhibition was mounted in 1986, in spite of a rearguard action by Sanchez, who allegedly wrote to each of the owners urging them not to let their paintings leave the country.

The baron has not yet let the press into his confidence as to the background of the present offer from Madrid. But it should be helpful to him in his current negotiations with the canton administration in Switzerland over the cost of a new gallery, designed by the British architect James Stirling, he intends to build next to the present one. At the moment only the Old Masters, mainly collected by his father, are regularly on view while his other collections, notably his modern pictures, are sent on touring exhibitions round the world.

The cost of the new gallery is estimated at £12 million. The villa is tucked into a steep hillside so that the construction materials would have to be taken in by lake.

The government of the Ticino region has agreed to shoulder some of the cost but tough negotiations are in progress over the precise proportion.

The baron has said that he will announce his decision about the new gallery in June. The offer from Spain, which would remove the great collection from Lugano, is no doubt a good negotiating card to have up his sleeve.

There is little doubt that the baron will get what he wants. He is a past master at it. That is how he rebuilt the family's ruined German businesses after the war into one of the world's largest industrial empires. With homes in Switzerland, Spain, America and Britain, he collects wives — he is now on his fifth — as well as art.

The British government should take note of the Prado affair and the current negotiations in the Ticino. A significant part of the Thyssen collection is housed at Daylesford House in Gloucestershire. It can hardly be termed the "national heritage", but it would be nice to keep it around.

Geraldine Norman

Ronald Butt

Bishops, 1216 and all that

Righteous anger again stirs in the hearts of some Anglican clergymen. They resent the fact that of the two names submitted to the Prime Minister by the Crown Appointments Commission for the appointment of the new Bishop of Birmingham, she did not chose the first. They assume that the second name that is submitted to the Prime Minister for the exercise of the royal prerogative is there for purely fictional purposes and should automatically be disregarded.

At the root of their resentment is another complaint; the suspicion that the Prime Minister turned down the Bishop of Stepney as too left-wing. However, we are reassured that we need not worry too much since the Bishop of Kensington, who has been given the appointment, is no less left-wing. We can, it seems, be confident that the church would never be so forgetful of its proper position in the spectrum of political morality as to submit (even in the purely formal second place) the name of anyone who could be considered right-wing, whatever that means.

Indeed, Bishop Colin Buchanan of Aston, who is the new diocesan bishop's suffragan, revealed that on reading the allegations he promptly telephoned the chosen Bishop Santer of Kensington to advise him "that he would be very wise to make it clear that he is not a right-winger, as he certainly is not". Bishop Santer duly obliged, declaring that he was an active member of CND, and was every bit as radical as the Bishop of Stepney who, therefore, could not have been passed over because of his views. I take it that if the bishop chosen was known to believe in the immorality of inflation, the market economy, less public borrowing, the benefits of recent trade-union reform, privatization and multilateral instead of unilateral nuclear disarmament, his suffragan today would be a worried man.

As it was, in response to the view of a Birmingham Tory MP that the city did not want another tub-thumping bishop, the suffragan could confidently say that in his opinion the new bishop was certainly "prepared to thump the tub", presumably in aid of what one might call not-right-wingopinions. Even so, despite the fact that no person of improper political inclination was on the list submitted to Mrs Thatcher, both Bishop Santer and Bishop Buchanan want the system changed to eliminate the royal prerogative altogether from the bishop-choosing process. In Bishop Santer's quoted words: "The church *should appoint its own bishops*, and that is what Magna Carta said in 1216."

That is not quite correct. King John's original charter of 1215 confirmed that "the English church shall be free *[quod Anglicana ecclesia libera sit]* and shall have its rights entire and its liberties inviolate". It went on to record that the king had already confirmed "the liberty of election that is considered of prime importance and necessity for the English church". But when the charter was reissued in 1216, and subsequently, this second commitment on election was omitted and only the more generalized statement retained.

I make this point not out of pedantry but because it illustrates the way in which tension existed and bargains were struck throughout the Middle Ages between the church and crown. The church tried to enforce a right to appoint foreigners to English benefices and to impose taxes against the resistance of kings and commons. The crown tried to influence and very often succeeded in influencing church appointments. There were too distinct authorities, each demanding allegiance, and the church was an independent power transcending kingdoms and centred in Rome.

Of course, there was much overlapping. English kings repeatedly employed clerics as their ministers, and sometimes regretted it, as when Edward III, after a furious political quarrel with his minister, Archbishop Stratford, swore that he would never again appoint clergy (who were protected by their cloth) to office but only such as could, if convicted of treason, "be drawn, hanged and beheaded". He and his successors did employ clerics again out of convenience. But in those times, when they were in politics it was as politicians rather than prelates. They did not stand on the sidelines and use their spiritual authority to make oppositionist attacks on the economic or defence policy of the time, though of course they might preach in general terms against abuses.

Today we have a very different situation. For what is the authority of the Church of England since Henry VIII drove out the pope and Elizabeth confirmed it? Its founding authority was the crown in parliament, which first established and authorized its liturgy. The crown remains the legal basis of its existence, and parliament is still the ultimate guardian of the Book of Common Prayer. Without the crown, the church is nothing but a congeries of different beliefs, practices and congregations with no cement of authority comparable to that in the name of which Magna Carta asserted the church's liberty.

The vestiges of the royal prerogative enable appointments to be made with some regard to broader reactions than are likely to come from the bureaucracy of the church in its present frame of mind. If these vestiges go, that is *virtual disestablishment, under* which the church will be revealed in its full lack of authority and left to the rivalry of minorities, striking bargains to be ratified by an unrepresentative general synod. The royal prerogative makes possible a response to wider sensitivities, and it may even have been exercised to that end in the matter of Birmingham.

Richard Heller

Vote for the giant teddy

Soon it will be the season for political walkabouts. In market squares and shopping precincts up and down the country peaceable citizens will have their lives blighted by grinning politicians who will seize and press stray parts of their flesh, propel them in front of lights and cameras and force them to play the part of straightman in a third-string variety act. All this will be accompanied by gibberish amplified through defective megaphones, and by a litter of stridently banal leaflets.

Heaven knows why political parties regard such campaigning as a vote-winner. They should at least do it with some minimal competence. As a veteran of over a thousand such walkabouts on both sides of the Atlantic, I offer the following suggestions.

You cannot have too much preparation. Somebody local — not a committee — must walk or drive the route, note the time taken, multiply by four, then add 15 minutes for emergencies (celebrity loses mackintosh or voice, forgets name of town, forgets party policy on animal rights). The *organizer must* talk to the police and the media, especially about good and bad places to stop.

Examples of Good Places to Stop: shop or stall run by colourful party supporter; shop or stall selling things from which party has promised to remove VAT; toyshop (celebrity should pick up grotesque cuddly toy and point out resemblance to opposing party leader); fortune-teller (bribe for favourable prediction).

Bad Places to Stop: beside football supporters (noisy, and a vote-loser when shown to opposing supporters); beside anybody dirty or mad; beside *unrehearsed* old-age pensioners; beside pub (will lose media forthwith).

A walkabout should not be seen as a political meeting but as a media event. A good event is one that secures a short burst of cheerful coverage. Coverage will be quadrupled if Something Goes Wrong. The organizer should prepare emergency drills. For example, if a walkabout runs into an obstreperous heckler, the organizer should have a little girl ready with a giant teddy bear to shake hands with the celebrity. No heckler can compete with Shirley Temple wielding a giant teddy.

It is useful for the celebrity to be recognized: many a political message has been drowned by murmurs of "Who the hell is *that?*" Acceptable celebrities: politician featured by Mike Yarwood or on *Spitting Image*; actor from repeated series; sportsperson/popstar who has had stand-up row with *The Sun*. If an actor joining a walkabout is known principally for one role, he must appear *in that role*. If he is known as Argon the Space Monster, he must put on the green suit and the metal mask. Otherwise the walkabout will lose any support from children.

The celebrity must avoid handshakes, which can leave him/her sore, crushed or trapped by bores. The technique is to strike first, with either the Politician's Grip (affable clutch of upper arm) or the Playful Punch. The celebrity should accept and may return a kiss, but never offer one. The celebrity should accept anything offered to eat (much scope here for sabotaging rival party campaigns). It is customary for a celebrity to address an old-age pensioner as "young man" or "my lovely".

Candidates should stick by the side of the celebrity to ensure inclusion in any photos or TV clips. Neither celebrity nor candidate should carry anything except a pen. Their hands should be free to press flesh, sign autographs, accept gifts or pick up babies (up to age two) or pets (up to spaniel).

Doubtful voters rarely reach the centre of a walkabout. People who meet the celebrity or candidate are nearly always committed, most of them to the party. The doubtfuls are on the edge. Plainclothes members of the party should mingle with them and gauge their reactions. They should not argue against hostile comments, but may murmur support for the celebrity or candidate.

Attention to the above points should ensure a higher standard of walkabout. However, I remain convinced that the most effective use of such events was made by the candidate who waited for the end of a rival party's walkabout and handed out leaflets reading, "None of that rubbish or disturbance came from my party.

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EUROPEANS BEWARE

When the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, briefs Nato representatives in Brussels today on his talks in Moscow, he will appear to be bringing with him much of what they had requested in advance. Not only will he tell them that the superpowers are closer to agreement on reducing intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) in Europe. He will also present an assurance from Moscow that it is prepared to sacrifice its considerable superiority in shorter-range nuclear weapons by the simple, if radical, proposal that all such weapons should be scrapped within the year.

On the face of it, this proposal should assuage much of Western Europe's concern about the so-called "zero option" for INF. Coming within days of the Soviet leader's offer to discuss cuts in shorter-range missiles before any INF agreement is finalized, it suggests that Moscow recognizes the difficulties inherent in such an agreement and has gone more than *half*-way to effect a compromise.

It is important to recognize, however, that the proposals Mr Shultz has brought back from Moscow also correspond very much to what the Soviet Union wants from arms control: progress towards an INF agreement and the eventual removal of all nuclear weapons from Europe. The implications for Western Europe and for the Nato alliance as a whole, therefore, need to be examined very closely.

Over the past six weeks Soviet proposals for restricting nuclear weapons in Europe have followed each other with almost unseemly haste. Such haste has various possible explanations: Mr Gorbachov may need some form of arms control agreement urgently for domestic political reasons: he may feel President Reagan needs an agreement and could be ready to compromise. He may sense that the relative benevolence towards the Soviet leadership in Western capitals has to be exploited before it evaporates. Whatever the reason, however, arms control agreements need careful preparation. They cannot be negotiated overnight.

Soviet haste alone should put the West on its guard. So too should the absolute nature of the Soviet proposals. Thus far nothing has been said about *reductions*. Moscow appears to be interested in elimination of nuclear weapons — whether intermediate-range or short-range — or nothing. Now the Soviet side may *simply have made an* opening bid, with a view to negotiating lower numbers of warheads on either side. But this question requires clarification.

Assuming that Moscow is seriously interested in negotiating lower ceilings of nuclear missiles in Europe, there is a basis for serious talking; more serious perhaps than at any time since the Salt-2 talks began to run into difficulty more than five years ago. In this event, the two superpowers could discuss significant reductions in both medium-range and shorter-range missiles in Europe. Soviet willingness to reduce its own shorter-range missiles to zero could then give Nato an opportunity to obtain parity at a lower level.

There is, however, another scenario, according to which the Soviet Union is angling, if not for a nuclear-free Europe (though this might be the ultimate aim), then for a return to a situation similar to the one which existed before 1981, when those difficulties struck the Geneva talks. If current Soviet proposals were accepted in their entirety, the *effect would be almost tantamount* to setting back the arms control clock 10 years.

Western Europe would still have some nuclear capability, including tactical battlefield weapons and the British and French independent deterrents. It would also enjoy the protection of the strategic missiles held by the United States. At the same time, however, it would be vulnerable to Soviet superiority in both strategic nuclear weapons and, more especially, in conventional weapons.

It is worth recalling that this is why in December *1979 Nato* decided on its twin-track policy — negotiation coupled with the threat of INF deployment — in the first place. The solution cannot lie in a return to the position of a decade ago.

For the West it is economic folly to start building up conventional weapons stocks which are so much more expensive in terms of money and the manpower to operate them.

Above all, however, it is highly doubtful whether the political will to provide the money (which would require unprecedented levels of allied cooperation) or the men (which would mean the British reintroduction of conscription) would be there. Any political leader who supports the zero option ought also to be prepared to argue for the cost of it. He or she will have to argue it to electorates which have been used to cheap defence for a very long time.

MR GANDHI FAILS THE TEST

The resignation from Rajiv Gandhi's Cabinet earlier this week of Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the former Indian Defence Minister, has deprived India of a rare politician. His personal incorruptibility made him stand out in a field crowded with racketeers. His steadfast commitment to reform differentiated him from the lacklustre hangers-on of the Congress Party whose only goal is to flatter the Party leader. In short, he was the sort of politician Mr Gandhi needs but does not have enough of.

More crippling to the Indian government than the actual loss of Mr Singh, however, are the circumstances of his resignation. As finance minister — the portfolio he held since January and later as defence minister — he instituted inquiries into the illegal foreign accounts held by many Indians and into the scandalous "kick-back" payments that have accompanied India's defence deals.

In each case it was thought that Mr Singh's efforts risked unearthing thinly concealed "business activities" of friends and associates of Mr Gandhi himself. Although the manner in which the inquiries had been instituted may have been less than tactful, they soon came to represent *the first real* test of Mr Gandhi's much-trumpeted commitment to clean up public life.

This test Mr Gandhi has failed. Rather than allow such people to be brought to book, he chose to force his minister from office. He has thus given the clear impression that he and his friends have something to hide.

But Mr Singh's resignation also focuses attention on the wider crisis in Indian politics. It is the culmination of a series of political failures which point to a growing credibility problem for Mr Gandhi. In the last three months the Indian Prime Minister has shown damaging signs of immaturity.

In January the foreign secretary was abruptly and arrogantly dismissed at a press conference. Shortly afterwards, Mr Gandhi allowed himself to become locked into a constitutional dispute about whether he had met his constitutional obligation to keep the President informed. The actual details of the dispute are secondary to the suspicion that Mr Gandhi may, in the course of it, have lied to parliament. There is also the growing evidence that the Speaker and Congress MPs are now obstructing all debate on the issue.

These two episodes appear to cast doubt on Mr Gandhi's competence to govern. The confusion surrounding his government's policies midway through its term of office only underlines the problem.

Rajiv Gandhi set out to reform the economy, bring peace to the Punjab and democratize the Congress Party. On each front, he has appeared to backoff as soon as his attempted reforms encountered the inevitable backlash.

As a result, plans to liberalize the economy further have been jettisoned, terrorism is once again a threat to the Punjab and Congress remains unreformed. Because Mr Gandhi set so much store by these policies when he assumed power and gained considerable credit from them, however, they constituted much of his mandate, and he has not lived up to it.

So long as Mr Singh (and *others like him) served in* Mr Gandhi's government, hope that the spread of the rot could be halted was kept alive. Mr Singh, after all, was responsible for the government's only real success — its first reforming budget. Now, Mr Gandhi has not only lost a capable and reliable colleague but, far worse, he has further eroded the residue of popular belief in his ability to change India.

POVERTY OF EVIDENCE

Nearly nine million adult workers in Britain are so low paid that they live in poverty; that is, 43 per cent of the workforce. These are the latest findings of the Low Pay Research Unit. That body, like so many which have unexceptionable, scholarly-sounding titles, is a pressure group. Its conclusions are not unconvincing simply because of that. But, when its alarming "analyses' make their periodic appearances, it is worth *remembering that this* is simply a unit skirmishing in the war of ideologies just like any other.

Its own ideology is that of traditional egalitarianism. It shares principles, methods, and sometimes buildings, with the Child Poverty Action Group, Youth Aid, and the Unemployment Unit — bodies which likewise see the solution to privation as coming from such means as government spending and trade union action.

In order to reach the spectacular figure of 43 per cent of the British work force living on poverty wages, a very generous definition of poverty is needed. Such a definition, in the modern world, is likely to include the lack of things which until recently were considered luxuries.

The Low Pay Unit — if it is ever going to convince the country that 43 per cent of its work force is poverty-stricken — must rely overwhelmingly on the worryingly imprecise notion of "relative deprivation". That notion is not as new as both the unit, and many of its opponents, might assume. A more elegantly-phrased version of it is to be found in Adam Smith, a figure whom the unit would probably associate with the Thatcherite enemy, if only because of the Institute which bears his name.

"By necessaries," writes Smith, in *The Wealth of Nations*, "I understand, not only the commodities which are indispensably necessary for the support of life, but whatever the custom of the country renders it indecent for creditable people even of the lowest order to be without." Smith also thought that "every man is rich or poor according to the degree in which he can afford to enjoy the necessaries, conveniences, and amusements of human life."

Are 43 per cent of British workers without whatever the custom of the country renders it indecent to be without? The evidence provided by video rental shops, traffic jams, the figures for holidays in Spain, and other customs of the country, suggests not.

Even if 43 per cent *are without the necessaries*, conveniences and amusements enjoyed by the other 57 per cent, perhaps the time has come for that no longer to be considered indecent. A family which could not afford a television would rightly, according to the custom of the country, justify the description of being poor, if only because of the feeling of inferiority felt by the children when they hear other children talking about television.

But suppose the family is only too poor to afford a colour television? If such a *family* is classified as poor, definitions of the poor would have lost all meaning to the rest of the country.

Probably the Low Pay Unit's single biggest difficulty in convincing the country that more money is required to help the poor is that hardly anyone will believe that the poor amount to 43 per cent. And that leaves aside the equally large question of whether the remedies the unit would propose — greatly increased welfare benefits and union-enforced minimum wages — would help the poor. Experience suggests otherwise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing links at Zeebrugge

From Councillor Mark Goyder
Sir, I was moved by Sondra Lawrence's account of her "needless agony" (Spectrum, April 8). *Like her, I was involved in a* bereaved family's search for information, and, while I would defend the Kent police, who had an impossible job but did it bravely, I would support her on the lessons to be learnt and on the *suggestion of a permanent* relative liaison agency. I would add:
1. While we need a centralised relative liaison unit, we need dispersal of the emergency numbers. When people first ring in, they do not expect immediate answers. But they want to register their interest. So why not provide every police station with standard missing-persons forms which people can complete and make contingency arrangements at major police stations for transmitting the relevant information on to a central computer? That would save all concerned a whole night of fruitless attempts to call one overloaded exchange.
2. Where were the British Embassy in all this? My contact went to Zeebrugge early on the Saturday morning. He went from hospital to hospital in search of his granddaughter. In an attempt to find out a list of hospitals, he rang the British Embassy. No reply. On the Sunday he was given the *emergency number. The answer*ing voice said "Don't you realise it's a Sunday?"
Yours sincerely,
MARK GOYDER,
Kent County Council,
Members' Suite, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent.
April 12.

From Dr R. S. Hogarth-Scott
Sir, What a sad tale of woe Sondra Lawrence describes regarding ineptness in the handling of information about relatives "missing" as a result of the Herald of Free Enterprise incident. Much can be learnt from a disaster organisation set up in Australia and initiated by Dame Phyllis Frost some 15 years ago.
This national organisation takes overriding control in such situations once the problem has been officially declared to be serious. It has the full support of the Government, the police, local authorities, the Red Cross and many other bodies and it is further underpinned by a staff training college.
Accountability, centralisation of information, and commonsense ability to deal with the individual characteristics of each disaster are vested in a small, highly trained group that is mobile and sympathetic and efficient. It is an effective model well worth examination and translation to the United Kingdom.
Yours etc,
R. S. HOGARTH-SCOTT,
Portbury Priory,
Nr Bristol, Avon.

From the Director of the British Maritime League
Sir, Major-General Mans (March 25) and Dr Hobbs (April 4) seem to be unaware of what is already in place in this country to deal promptly and effectively with disasters and emergencies, the responsibility of the civil power.
At local level we have the police, fire and ambulance services, the local authorities of all kinds and numerous voluntary bodies.
Coastal and marine accidents to ships, craft and aircraft are the immediate responsibility of HM Coastguard: it has extensive communications links with the RNLI, police, civil and military rescue services, naval and air headquarters, every relevant government department and *specialist service, as well as local* authorities, harbourmasters, radio stations, airports, and many more.
For major incidents and disasters the Cabinet Office coordinates Government policy and action, but instant reaction must rely on *rapid local initiatives* at any time of week, day or night, that were so well demonstrated by the Zeebrugge authorities a month ago.
Your correspondents should not suppose that the Armed Forces are not always ready for rapid, often immediate and very effective assistance, but it is important that that highly developed capability is seen to be in answer to a call from the civil power, which has access to the far wider resources of the whole community.
Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RANKEN, Director,
The British Maritime League,
25-27 Theobalds Road, WC1.
April 6.

A crisis in new legal service?

From Mr Patrick McLoughlin and Mr David Twigg
Sir, In view of the response of the Director of Public Prosecutions (report, April 10) to the nationwide survey of lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service (report, April 8) it was perhaps not wholly surprising that the survey disclosed that only 32 lawyers (4 per cent) out of 739 lawyers expressed confidence in senior management of the CPS and that morale in the service appears to have collapsed in many areas. However, what is rather more stunning is the indifference of the director to the facts in attempting to bluster away an unanswerable case supported by evidence.
Before the survey started it was predictable, in the event of adverse results, there would be an attack upon the questionnaire. In fact the questions asked in relation to prosecution standards, morale, future career intentions and confidence in senior management were meticulously drafted so as to be utterly neutral.
Nobody was asked "if they are underpaid or overworked", as the DPP suggests. It is a curiously gross insult to all CPS lawyers that the DPP should consider that the overwhelming majority of such lawyers are incapable of *appraising the nature of a questionnaire* submitted to them and answering those questions accurately and honestly and should regard their answers as "rubbish".
It is also difficult to understand how the DPP can support his *other reported assertions*. The proposed "lawyers' allowance" would be payable to barely 20 per cent of CPS lawyers; it does nothing to answer the recruitment and retention problems relating to the lack of career prospects even of those whom it benefits, and it further alienates the remaining 80 per cent of CPS lawyers.
The suggestion that imminent managerial restructuring will increase local involvement in CPS management is insupportable; the effect of creation of the (London-based) regional posts is to reduce in status (and in some cases in "grade") the local chief crown prosecutors and to interpose a layer of management which will insulate central management from direct contact with local chief crown prosecutors.
Finally, it is curious to observe the DPP refer to the problem of Saturday working as "largely resolved" and to refer to "certain pay disparities" as if it were a peripheral issue when the director knows (or should know) that the fragile national agreement on Saturday working is under imminent threat as a result of management action and legal moves by CPS lawyers.
Yours truly,
PATRICK McLOUGHLIN
(Chairman, CPS Section),
DAVID TWIGG (Secretary),
Association of First Division Civil Servants,
2 Caxton Street, SW1.
April 13.

School fees ruling

From Mr Barnaby Scott
Sir, Lord Brandon has attempted to correct "a strange form of fiscal discrimination" (Law Report, *April 9) by allowing tax relief for* school fees to a divorced father whose children live with him. However, discrimination still exists; no child living with their married parents receives this benefit.
No such tax relief should be allowed to anyone, so that it cannot become tax-efficient to divorce. While the judgement may benefit the family in question, so would a decree that the father need pay no tax at all. The welfare of a particular person should not be more important than justice for the country as a whole.
Yours faithfully,
BARNABY SCOTT,
Corey's Mount,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

From Mr M. C. Whear
Sir, Taxpayers should not have to subsidise the private education of children from broken marriages, whoever looks after them. To do this for someone with an income of £50,000 per year is absurd. To countenance the contrivance of a court order gives the green light to tax avoidance of a most contorted kind.
Even if generous tax reliefs are necessary for poor people, could this one, and others like it, be phased out quickly with increasing income, as is already done with age relief?
Yours faithfully,
M. C. WHEAR,
The Old Chapel, The Green,
Barrington, Cambridge.
April 9.

Nursing shortage

From Dr G. C. Hanson and Dr H. E. R. Chew
Sir, We work in a busy district general hospital and are heavily involved in the care of the critically ill, running the intensive therapy unit which serves the district. The shortage of trained nurses in our hospital has become critical; seriously ill patients are being denied treatment on the *intensive therapy unit* because of a reduction in the number of staffed beds available. Patients are not receiving the standards of care they need.
Many nurses have left the National Health Service because *pay and working conditions* are poor compared with those obtaining in the private sector, in Australia or in America. Many fully trained nurses have left to pursue other occupations. Trained nurses hold very responsible posit*ions, are essential for patient care* and work long, hard hours.
We have nothing but admiration for the hard work and long hours that these dedicated nurses still working in the National Health Service are doing. They *deserve a better salary*, improved living conditions and more flexible working hours; without these the exodus will continue.
It is essential that something is done quickly before morale is completely lost and the health service collapses.
Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN C. HANSON,
H. E. R. CHEW,
Whipps Cross Hospital,
Whipps Cross Road,
Leytonstone, E1.
April 10.

Turner bequest

From Sir Anthony Lousada
Sir, The critics of the Clore Gallery at the Tate have, by and large, devoted themselves to drawing attention to alleged defects (particularly the colour of the walls) and to departure from Turner's wishes. So negative have their views been that if one expresses admiration to persons who have not seen the gallery they appear surprised!
To have daylit galleries is wonderful. The pictures glow on the pale oatmeal walls. Normally artificial light will not be required for three quarters of opening hours. If the walls were darker and the colour extended higher, much of this light would be lost. While there may be some details which one could question, in general the effect of the galleries is simple but noble, quiet but alive. The quality of the building and its details are remarkable.
As a trustee of the Tate involved nearly 20 years ago in the battle for the site I think that the time has come for an expression of delight at this splendid addition to London and of gratitude to the benefactor who has made it possible.
Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LOUSADA,
The Tides, Chiswick Mall, W4.
April 12.

Dodging the column

From Mr and Mrs Richard Saunders
Sir, More through luck than judgement, in 1982, 83, 84 and 86 we have managed to be abroad on holiday at the right times to avoid the worst of, respectively, the World Cup, the general election, the Olympics, and the World Cup again.
Could anyone, ideally possessing a touch more prophetic skill than David Owen, please advise us what period we should book this year in order to avoid as much of the coming electoral eructations as possible?
Yours faithfully,
R. C. SAUNDERS,
STELLA SAUNDERS,
6 Piping Road,
Colden Common,
Winchester, Hampshire.
April 8.

Silent but deadly

From Mr R. M. Maxtone Graham
Sir, The Minister of State for Defence Procurement's parliamentary reply (April 10) that longbows ceased to be standard forces equipment in the 16th century would, surely, have been more accurate had he mentioned two exceptions: the Royal Company of Archers (the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland) and the soldiers detailed to stay behind in the Kentish woodlands in 1940 under the command of Peter Fleming, to harry the invading Nazis.
He arranged for this force to be issued with bows and arrows, as well as noisier weapons.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MAXTONE GRAHAM,
6 Moat Sole,
Sandwich, Kent.

A woman's work

From Mr Rajnikant J. Mehta
Sir, How can anyone ever put a monetary value on the great love and care which millions of mothers and wives shower on their families day in and day out all over the world (letters, April 2, 6, 7)?
And how many of us appreciate that it is this love which is transformed into all the labour that women put into their homes so that homes truly become places worth going back to after a hard day's work?
Yours etc,
RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA,
Director,
R. & R. Management Services Ltd,
127A Suite No.1,
Ealing Road,
Wembley, Middlesex.
April 7.

Grannies myth

From Mrs J. D. Meikle
Sir, Having celebrated my 61st birthday recently by completing a free-fall sky dive from 9,000 feet to raise funds for a new hospice for children, I was delighted to read a letter from Mrs M. A. Clayton in today's copy of *The Times* (March 30).
Mrs Clayton speaks for the majority, surely, when she calls for children's literature which portrays the modern grannie. Writers are not the only people to discriminate in this way and my contemporaries are referred to constantly as "little old ladies". Nothing could be further from the truth.
Yours faithfully,
JOAN MEIKLE (grandmother of three),
9 Hovedene Drive, Howden,
Goole, North Humberside.
March 30.

Birthday honours

From Dr J. J. Misiewicz
Sir, It used to be fun to scan the "Birthdays today" slot to see how many famous birthday persons one knew about. Now that job descriptions are printed ("previously assistant Headmaster St Elsewhere's") this is no longer possible and all that is left is a sense of wonder at the extraordinary longevity of some and the feeling of unease if one has not heard of those so dazzlingly famous that they still appear jobless — a higher class of birthday person?
Yours faithfully,
J. J. MISIEWICZ,
148 Harley Street, W1.
April 10.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 16 1876

Spelling bees were popular, especially during 1939-45, when entertainment was lacking. The Oxford English Dictionary shows the phrase originating in 1876

"A SPELLING BEE."

(From Our American Correspondent.)
PHILADELPHIA, April 1.

The Session of Congress being ended and business not yet having thoroughly revived, the American people have during the past few weeks been indulging in a new pastime, which is becoming as universal as it is popular. This is the "Spelling Bee", a New England invention which has made rapid strides over the country. "Spelling" for prizes is the prevailing infatuation, and every town and village is having its "bee", attended by crowds who cheer the successful and laugh at those who are afflicted with a "bad spell."... It is gratifying to know that the public taste, diverted into this channel, will enjoy a temporary relief from the almost perpetual political wrangling in which we indulge.

The most elaborate "Spelling Bee" in this part of the country was held at the Academy of Music, in *Philadelphia, on the evening of the* 25th of March, at least 4,000 people crowding the auditorium. The novelty of the thing and the belief of many that they could beat the "champions" added to the attractions, and hundreds were left outside the building who could not possibly get in. There were 80 competitors for the six prizes offered — 40 ladies and 40 gentlemen — the majority of them being school teachers, and at 8 p.m. they marched in procession upon the stage...

The following were the rules:—

"First. The class will be composed of an equal number of ladies and gentlemen, who will occupy opposite sides of the stage.

"Second. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary will be the standard.

"Third. The spelling will be oral.

"Fourth. Words spelt more than one way by Webster will be omitted.

"Fifth. No word will be used consecutively.

"Sixth. One word mispelled rules the mispeller out.

"Seventh. Any competitor misunderstanding a word may ask one repetition, if no attempt at spelling the word has been previously made."

A teacher of elocution gave out the words in a loud voice, the *audience watching* with close attention. "Difference," "dialogue," "corrigible," and "varioloid" were announced one after another and were all spelt correctly, a lady and gentleman being alternately selected. Then "musketeer" fell to the lot of a young lady, who spelt it "muscateer," when a roar from the audience announced her failure, and she blushingly stepped out of the class. A dozen more words were spelt correctly, when "excitation" brought down the first young man, who made a dash at it with "ecci" and got no further as the shouts of the audience drowned his voice. "Gourmand" spoilt the fortune of another man. Then there was some correct spelling until "duellist" came along, and, of course, killed his man, who was uncertain about the "l's," "benison" acquired a new meaning for a lady; "chloroform" quieted a youth; "perigrination" was what the next champion performed, and "tympan" was too discordant for a lady's ears... Then the class was reduced to the six to whom prizes were to be awarded — four ladies and two gentlemen, and the competition was continued to see which would live the longest...

"Purview" took number six, a lady; "testacious" number five, a gentleman who had made a great deal of amusement and whose downfall was most warmly received. Now were left three ladies and one gentleman, but they survived but a short time, "distension" being too much for the man, and "infinitessimal" and "hauser" for two women. A lady, as usual, had the last word, remaining alone on the stage, and to her (Miss Lizzie J. Rook), amid loud applause, was awarded the first prize... At a late hour the audience dispersed, there being much *gratification* expressed at the amusement offered and much criticism at the way the affair was managed. The "Spelling Bee," however, brought in a large sum, and was a success in this, if not as a "spell."

Somali expedition

From Mr J. W. Howard
Sir, The interesting "On This Day" piece (April 1), about the Somali Expedition in February, 1901, carried a preface implying *that the events narrated took* place in or near British Somaliland and were part of the campaign against the Mad Mullah.
In fact, the places mentioned — Afmadu, Yonte and Kismayu, all in Jubaland — are in the southernmost corner of what is now Somalia and are about 800 miles away from what was then British Somaliland. The expedition was not part of the military operations against the Mad Mullah; these started in May, 1901, in southern British Somaliland.
It appears that the main cause of the trouble in Jubaland at that time was the attempted settlement by the British Administration of claims for blood money against the Sultan of Zanzibar who owned the coastal strip. According to Colonel Moyse-Bartlett, in his book *The King's African Rifles*, "this was a false move, for intertribal claims and counter-claims made the division of this money very complicated and led at once to disaffection and unrest".
I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
JOHN HOWARD,
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Robertsbridge, Sussex.
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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 15: The Hon David Crombie (Secretary of State of Canada) and Mrs Crombie had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen was represented by The Duke of Edinburgh at the Zeebrugge Ferry Memorial Service which was held in Canterbury Cathedral this morning.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was present.

Major Anthony Mather was in attendance.

By commany of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of the Governor General of Belize and bade farewell to Her Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE.

April 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports, was represented by the Earl of Dalhousie at the Zeebrugge Ferry Memorial Service which was held in Canterbury Cathedral this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE.

April 15: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Millburngate Shopping Centre in Durham City.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness visited the Indescon Group at Darlington, Co. Durham.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Mary Mumford.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the British Consultants Bureau, will accompany a BCB Mission to Indonesia and Bangladesh in October.

Birthdays today

The Queen of Denmark celebrates her birthday today.

Lord Aberconway, 74; Mr Kingsley Amis, author, 65; Sir Ove Arup, civil engineer, 92; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 54; Lord Camoys, 47; Sir James Fawcett, former president, European Commission of Human Rights, 74; Sir Laurence Graffey-Smith, diplomat, 95; Sir John Harvey-Jones, former chairman, ICI, 63; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, 63; Mr Spike Milligan, 69; Sir Albert Mumford, electrical engineer, 84; Sir Walter Salomon, merchant banker, 81; Miss Constance Shacklock, opera singer, 74; Sir Edmund Stockdale, banker, 84; Mr Peter Ustinov, 66.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Maundy Service in Ely Cathedral at 11.00.

Zeebrugge service

The Queen was represented by the Duke of Edinburgh at a service of thanksgiving held in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday for those who lost their lives on board the *Herald of Free Enterprise* and for the survivors, and to acknowledge the work of the rescue teams.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, was represented by the Earl of Dalhousie. Princess Anne attended.

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave the address and pronounced the blessing. The Dean of Canterbury officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Canon John de Sausmarez and Canon Peter Brett. The prayers were led by the Bishop of Dover and Major Eric Bentley, Canterbury Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and the Bishop of Bruges read the lessons.

Canon L.G. Tyzack, representing the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, the Ven N D Jones, Chaplain of the Fleet and Archdeacon for the Royal Navy, the Right Rev J Jukes, representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Rev W P Sutcliffe, representing the President of the Methodist Conference, and representatives of churches of all denominations in Dover and surrounding areas were robed and in the Sanctuary. A wreath was laid before the nave altar by Bosun Terence Ayling and Assistant Purser Steven Homewood, crew members.

The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Leader of HM Opposition, the Leader of the Liberal Party and the President of the Social Democratic Party attended.

Among others present were:

The Belgian Ambassador, the Lieutenant-Governor of West Flanders, Lord Brabazon of Tara (Minister for Shipping) with Captain Peter Harris (Chief Coastguard of Dover), Mr Peter Warrington (regional controller) and Mr Larry Fear (district controller); Sir Patrick Wright (representing the Diplomatic Service) with Mr Roger Hervey (Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) and the Hon Diana Makgill; the Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, the High Sheriff of Kent, the Chief Constable of Kent, the Chairman of Kent County Council, the Leader of Kent County Council, the Mayor of Canterbury, the Chairman of Dover District Council, the Mayor of Maidstone.

Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis (representing the Commission of the European Communities), Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP, Mr Bruce MacPhail (deputy chairman, P and O) with Mr J J Bruce (managing director of Townsend Car Ferries) and Mr P Ford (chairman, Townsend Thoresen); relatives of those who were lost, members of the crew, passengers who survived, off-duty crew members, crew members of sister ships and other Townsend Thoresen staff.

Doctors, nurses and other hospital staff, and representatives of the church, HM Forces, the naval diving team, the fire rescue team, the British Red Cross, the Belgian Armed Forces, the Belgian rescue services, the Channel Ferry Disaster Fund, HM Coastguard, HM Coroners Office, the Master Mariners' Company.

CRUSE (the National Organization for Widows and their Children), the General Council of British Shipping, Missions to Seamen, the Nautical Institute, the National Union of Seamen, NUMAST, the Passenger Shipping Organization, the police, RAF Manston, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service, the Salvation Army, the St John Ambulance Brigade, the Samaritans, Trinity House and others connected with the rescue operations.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and naturalist, Killyleagh, Co Down, 1660; Joseph Black, chemist, Bordeaux, 1728; Sir John Franklin, Arctic explorer, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, 1786; Anatole France, novelist and critic, Paris, 1844; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of aviation, Millville, Indiana, 1867; John Millington Synge, dramatist, Newtown Litten, near Dublin, 1871; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin, London, 1889.

DEATHS: Aphra Behn, dramatist and novelist, London, 1689; Comte George Buffon, naturalist, Paris, 1788; Henry Fuseli, painter and author, London 1825; Goya, Bordeaux, 1828; Marie Tussaud, founder of waxwork exhibition, London, 1850; St Bernadette of Lourdes, Nevers, France, 1879; Samuel Smiles, social reformer, London, 1904.

Battle of Culloden, 1746.

Reception

Coward Chance
The partners of Coward Chance gave a reception on Tuesday, April 7, at the Grocers' Hall in honour of Mr J.R.W. Ruddick on his impending retirement as a partner.

QCs appointed

The following have been appointed Queen's Counsel:

Sir John Redvers Freeland KCMG, A M Honoré, A G Guest, A D Green, C C D Lindsay, J Mulcahy, K S Nathan, C Bloom, A Hooper, J R A Rampton, C H McCall, R G Marshall-Andrews, H W B Page, J P Singer.

I Kennell, P L O Leaver, N A R Wilson, R J Scholes, A J D Wilson, P J Hunt, H Mitchell, J M J Burford, S R Silber, R M Purchas, P N Legh-Jones, A G Steinfeld, J B S Diehl.

J B Goldring, D M A Strachan, D R N Hunt, C J Pitchford, R M Harrison, E J Glasgow, J C N Slater, M S E Grime, D C Milne, J E Mitting, N J Forwood, R Thwaites.

I B Glick, M C C Hart, R J Royce, H N B Heilbron, N J C Stewart, D G Goldberg, B Dohmann, J G Hendy, P H Goldsmith, R M Jackson, D J Mellor MP, C E Reese, D E Neuberger, R A Field.

British Library

British Library readers are advised that all British Library reading rooms will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday, inclusive (April 17-20). Some opening hours are also reduced on April 16. Public galleries will be open at usual times. Further details are available from: Telephone 01-636 1544.

Sale room

Burns first edition's £9,900

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

It was a big day for Robbie Burns at Christie's in Glasgow yesterday where the first edition of his first published work, *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, was on offer. It was published by John Wilson of Kilmarnock in 1786 and sold for £9,900 (estimate £4,00-£6,000) to Aberdeen Rare Books.

Most copies of this treasured work have been smartly rebound by admiring later collectors. Thus the simple contemporary binding, calf-backed marbled boards, added greatly to the attraction of this copy — giving it an "original" air.

So popular was the work that a second edition was published in Edinburgh in 1787 and this edition was pirated within the year by a Dublin publisher, William Gilbert.

Christie's also had a copy of the Dublin pirate edition, which sold for £1,220 (estimate £200-£300). Most of the book is identical to the Edinburgh edition but the engraved portrait frontispiece caused Mr Gilbert some problems. It had to be copied by another engraver and the copy plate printed his image in reverse. The *copyist used some artistic licence, giving the* poet a little extra hair.

At Sotheby's in London landscapes by Hiroshige and Hokusai were the star turns of a Japanese print sale. They have been climbing in price for some time and interest was undiminished yesterday with a composite set of Hiroshige's famous "The Fifty-three Stations on the Tokaido Road" selling for £41,800 (estimate £25,000-£30,000). Individual prints were doing very nicely as well with "A Sudden Shower over Ohashi Bridge at Atake" from Hiroshige's "The Hundred Views of Edo" at £8,800 (estimate £6,000-£7,000).

In contrast the eighteenth century woodcuts depicting the lives of beautiful courtesans, the golden age of Ukiyo-e prints, were not in much demand and seemed cheap. A Harunobu print of two courtesans in a room, one reading and the other engaged with a pretty lacquer box, sold for £660 (estimate £700-£800).

The same went for the actor portraits by Shunsho and his school, dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. An actor standing under a branch of cherry blossom by Shun'ei could be had for £275 (estimate £250-£300). The morning sale totalled £239,151 with 8 per cent unsold.

In the afternoon sale there were some high prices for Japanese screens with a seventeenth century six-fold gold screen painted with scenes in the park of a nobleman's mansion securing £24,200 (estimate £7,000-£10,000).

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Michael Pearson and Miss M. Cordle
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Viscount Cowdray, of Cowdray Park, Midhurst, Sussex, and Lady Anne Cowdray, of Broadleas, Devizes, Wiltshire, and Marina, daughter of Mr John Cordle, of Malmsbury House, The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs Harry John Ross Skinner, of Walmwell House, Walmwell, near Dorchester, Dorset.

The Hon R.H.B. Nathan and Miss A. Hewitt
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Lord and Lady Nathan, of Lodsworth, Sussex, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.S. Hewitt, of Aldingbourne, Chichester.

Mr G. Clempson and Miss E.K.S. Forbes
The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr Ronald Clempson, of Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Eve Clempson, of Hertford, Hertfordshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Forbes, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

Mr P.V. Henry and Miss B.B.M. Menert
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Victor and Evelyn Henry, London, and Beate, daughter of Helmut and Margarete Menert, Hanover, Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr J.E. Darnborough and Miss L.D. Dodsworth
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs E. Darnborough, of Aberdeen, and Lindsay, daughter of Mr B. Dodsworth, of Becton, and Mrs E. Dodsworth, of Croydon.

Mr N.A. Moore and Miss J. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs J.M. Moore, of Worcester, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Clarke, of Quorn, Leicestershire.

Mr D.W. Lovie and Miss C.V.R. Dickinson
The engagement is announced between David William, son of Mr and Mrs W. Lovie, of Culcabock, Inverness, and Claudia Vivien Rose, daughter of Mr I.J. Dickinson, of Riding Mill, Northumberland, and Mrs J.S. Price, of East Chiltington, East Sussex.

Mr R. McBride and Miss J.R. McCarthy
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr John S.P. McBride and Mrs McBride, of Whitley Bay, formerly of St Vincent, West Indies, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond McCarthy, of Sutton Hayes, Abinger Hammer, Surrey.

Mr S.W. Schecter and Miss T.J. Baines
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Schecter, of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, United States, and Tracey, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs C.J. Baines, of Hilderstone, Staffordshire.

Mr A.C. Timms and Miss J.C. Harris
The engagement is announced between Alistair, only son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Timms, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, and Juliet, eldest daughter of Judge J.P. Harris, QC, and Mrs Harris, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr H.F. Lytton Cobbold and Miss M.F. Boone
The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of the Hon David and Mrs Lytton Cobbold, of Knebworth House, Hertfordshire, and Martha, daughter of Mr James Buford Boone, Jr, and Mrs Gray Davis Boone, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, United States.

Captain J. Southworth and Captain R.E. Noble
The engagement is announced between John Southworth, Royal Artillery, only son of Mr and Mrs John Southworth, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Ruth Elizabeth Noble, Royal Army Dental Corps, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Noble, of Luxembourg Ville, Luxembourg.

Marriages

Mr L. Meredith-Hardy and Miss C. Minogue
The marriage took place on April 10, in Hobart, Tasmania, between Mr Luke Meredith-Hardy, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Meredith-Hardy, and Miss Clare Minogue, daughter of Mrs M. Minogue.

Mr J.A. Vallance White and Miss A.M. O'Donnell
The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 15, 1987, of Mr James Vallance White and Miss Anne O'Donnell.

The Hon J.F.M. Grosvenor and Miss D. Rossi
The marriage took place yesterday at the Loreto Convent, Kirribilli, Australia, of the Hon Julian Grosvenor, only son of Lord Ebury and Elfin Lady Ebury, and Miss Danielle Rossi, sixth daughter of Mr and Mrs Theo Rossi, of Sydney, Australia. Father P.B. Quin, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Paul and Tim Grosmann, Lachlan Harris and Samual Fay. Mr Richard Soames was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Luncheon

Manchester Luncheon Club
Mr R.S. Lloyd was in the chair at a luncheon given by the Manchester Luncheon Club yesterday at the Free Trade Hall. Lord Ezra also spoke.

Dinners

City of London Solicitors' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies' dinner given by the City of London Solicitors' Company at the Mansion House last night. Sir Max Williams, Master, presided and the Lord Mayor, the Lord Chancellor and Mr M.H. Sheldon, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among those present were:

Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Attorney General and Lady Havers, the Recorder of London and Lady Miskin, the Resident Governor of HM Tower of London and Mrs MacLellan, the Common Serjeant of London and Mrs Pigot, the President of the Law Society and Mrs Wickerson, the President of the Law Society in Scotland and Mrs McNeil, the Deputy Keeper of HM Signet and Mrs Millar and the Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company and Mrs Adams.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea gave a dinner party at the Town Hall yesterday. Among those present were:

The Ambassador of Finland and Mme Paatmen, the Hon Sir Richard and Lady Storey, Lady Seton, General Sir Robert and Lady Ford, Judge and Mrs Pownall, Professor and Mrs Peter Gahan and Colonel and Mrs J Smil.

Basketmakers' Company
Mr Alec Sorrell, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a court dinner held at Innholders' Hall yesterday. Mr T.O.D. Craig and the Master of the Coopers' Company, also spoke.

Anchorites
Surgeon Captain A.W. Hagger presided at the monthly dinner of the Anchorites held at the Café Royal yesterday. Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Rawlins was the principal guest.

Science report

Spinning out a test for Einstein's theory

By Robert Matthews

Plans are underway at Stanford University in California to investigate a hitherto untested prediction of Einstein's theory of gravity, otherwise known as general relativity.

The experiment will test the predictions of the theory about the effect of a spinning gravitational field of a planet on an orbiting object. But the effect is so small that showing that Einstein is right will stretch electronic technology to its limits.

Under Newton's theory of gravity, it makes no difference whether an object is rotating or not: its gravitational field has exactly the same effect on an orbiting object.

But according to Einstein's theory, a spinning field drags space and time, and any objects, around with it. In the extreme case of a black hole, it would be impossible for anything to resist the dragging motion.

For a relatively weak field like that of the Earth, however, the effect would be tiny. Calculations show that for a satellite in a polar orbit 300 miles above the Earth, the dragging would be at the rate of about one complete orbit every 30 million years.

The difficulty of measuring so tiny an effect has held up development of a suitable test for decades. But now, working with the Lockheed Missiles and Space company, a team of physicists at Stanford have begun construction of the Gravity Probe-B satellite, to be launched in 1993, which they believe has the required sensitivity.

The heart of the experiment is a gyroscopic system of astonishing accuracy, which is kept aligned with a distant star for up to two years. A 1.5 inch quartz ball polished to within about 1 millionth of an inch of being perfectly spherical forms the spinning part of the gyroscope. This is coated with a thin film of superconducting niobium, which sets up a magnetic field within the sphere when it is set spinning. Any change in the spin axis of the gyroscope caused by the dragging effect can then be detected by the change in current this magnetic field produces.

The quartz sphere is set spinning and will rotate in vacuum for about 3,000 years, with a drift rate about one billionth that of conventional navigational gyros.

According to the Stanford physicists, there is at least some chance that the satellite will reveal cracks in Einstein's theory. They argue that other theories have run into trouble when dealing with spinning systems.

However, Dr Paul Davies, a relativity expert who is professor of physics at Newcastle University, told *The Times* that he was confident that GR would pass this latest test. He said that if it breaks down *anywhere, it is when dealing* with gravitational fields far more intense than those of the Earth, or on the sub-atomic scale where quantum effects become important.

OBITUARY

REV IAN THOMSON

Cleric, oarsman and devotee of China

The Rev Ian Thomson died on April 14, at the age of 74. His contemporaries at Shrewsbury and Balliol will *not only remember him for* his prowess as an oarsman, but also for the infectious enthusiasm which was the hallmark of his personality.

As an undergraduate he radiated Christian faith and was responsible for organizing a meeting in the Oxford Town Hall to present the claims of Christianity, attended by a large cross-section of the university.

He was a member of the record-breaking crew in the Boat Race of 1934, and throughout his life he maintained his involvement in rowing as coach, Press correspondent and informed advocate of the sport.

George Ian Falconer Thomson was born in China on September 2, 1912, of missionary parents. The country of his birth was a source of continuing fascination to him, and he was one of the first British visitors to China after the Cultural Revolution.

He might well have played a significant part in the life of the church there. However, circumstances led him to a varied ministry in other spheres.

After training for ordination at Westcott House, Cambridge, his first curacy was at St Luke's, Chelsea, before being elected Fellow and Chaplain of Hertford College, Oxford.

He held that fellowship from 1937 to 1946, though he served part of the time as chaplain in the RAFVR. Before the war he had secured his pilot's licence, and this, together with his gift for winning the confidence and affection of his contemporaries, made him an ideal choice for a commission in the Armed Services.

At the end of the war he returned to the parish ministry of Hilgay, Norfolk, and after five years entered the teaching profession in Maidstone, where he was a master at Maidstone Grammar School from 1951 to 1962. From there he moved to be lecturer at St Paul's College, Cheltenham.

Fresh demands continued to be made upon him, and in 1966 he was invited to undertake research at the Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham into the employment of Christian volunteers overseas. This led to nine very fruitful years as Director of the Bible Reading Fellowship to which he gave imaginative and enthusiastic leadership.

A quiet retirement would have been totally out of character, and from 1981 to 1984 he served as chaplain of All Souls' at Oxford, continuing a varied ministry within the university and beyond.

Thomson was a man of great charm, and his extrovert personality enabled him to make friends wherever he went. In later years, with his wife, Mary, he was a keen supporter of the Liberal Party, and their home was open to a wide circle of people.

His first marriage, to the Hon Bridget de Courcy, was dissolved in 1951. In the next year he married Mary Dixon, an archdeacon's daughter, who survives him with a daughter of the first marriage and a son of the second.

PROFESSOR PHILIP BURCH

Professor Philip Burch, controversial pioneer in the theory of disease, died on March 22. He was 66.

He spent 37 years in the department of medical physics at Leeds University, where he had been deputy director of the Medical Research Council's environmental radiation unit and the holder of a personal chair. He retired in 1985.

Philip Robert James Burch was born at Alconbury, Huntingdonshire, on April 15, 1920, and educated at Huntingdon Grammar School. After war service with the Fleet Air Arm, he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, graduating in natural science. From there, he went straight to Leeds.

His early research involved the measurement of low level radiation. In 1958 he received the Röntgen Award of the British Institute of Radiology in recognition of this work and of his theoretical studies of radiation dosimetry and quality.

But his most original and significant research lay ahead, when he proposed a single framework of ideas for investigating some of the central questions of human biology, concerning growth, malignant and non-malignant disease, and ageing.

Burch became the centre of lively debate in the 1970s when he continued to challenge the evidence of the connection between smoking and lung cancer after a causative link had been established. Instead, he suggested that most lung cancers arose from spontaneous cell mutations, according to the rules of a degenerative process behind all "natural" diseases.

His persistence in these views was influenced by other ideas, conceived in collaboration with medical colleagues, which led him to formulate some simple biological laws about the genetic and environmental factors governing the incidence of "natural" diseases in different age-groups. The importance of this work has, perhaps, never been fully recognised.

He postulated that those cells which regulate the growth and shape of tissue can, by mutation, produce a clone of rogue cells, which do not recognise the specific tissue they once "policed", and therefore attack it as if foreign.

This explanation is at the heart of the problem of autoimmune diseases, or the process *concerning "self" and* "not self" recognition. But Burch preferred to call diseases produced in this way "auto-aggressive", in place of the term "auto-immune", as used by Macfarland Burnet.

By his statistical techniques he was able to identify many diseases of this kind, including several of the manifestations of ageing.

His views were often criticised by those who believe implicitly in the overwhelming influence of environmental factors in illness; but, whereas he did not entirely deny such a link, he believed that those diseases he identified as being auto-aggressive had their source in the endogenous, or originating within, mechanism he described.

One of Burch's most treasured possessions was a letter from Sir Karl Popper, who thought Burch's theories to be immensely exciting, linking as they did a number of previously unrelated, yet important, developments in an unsuspected way.

As a trained physicist and a master of that most treacherous technique, statistical analysis, Burch produced theories and models which were always quantitative and precise.

He wrote two books, *An Inquiry Concerning Growth Disease and Ageing* (1968), and *Biology of Cancer: A New Approach* (1976), and published more than 300 papers.

Burch had a tremendous zest for life and enjoyed a wide range of interests from listening to music to walking in the Yorkshire Dales.

He leaves a wife, Jane, who works in the department of biochemistry at Leeds, two sons and a daughter.

BERTA DREWS

Berta Drews (officially, Berta Helene Drews-George), leading actress of German stage, wireless, film and television, died in her native Berlin on April 10. She was 85.

She was born on November 19, 1901, a professor's daughter. After studying at the Berlin Music Academy and with Max Reinhardt, she made her stage début in Stuttgart in 1925 as Lady Mortimer in *Henry IV*.

Four years at the Munich Kammerspiele, where she was an outstanding Eliza Doolittle, were followed by her Berlin début as Adelheid von Walldorf in Goethe's *Götz von Berlichingen*, at the State Theatre.

In 1930 she joined the Schiller Theatre, where she met Heinrich George, the company's principal actor, whom she married and with whom she had a son.

She returned to the stage in 1938, after making the first two of a series of films for the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda. In one of these she co-starred with the Austrian actress, Paula Wessely.

Under Heinrich George, who had become the theatre's *intendant* in 1936, she appeared regularly at the Schiller until its destruction in an Allied air raid in 1944. Her husband was arrested by the Russians and died in a prison camp in 1946.

Miss Drews' reputation as a resourceful character actress stayed with her throughout her life. In 1951, she returned to the re-built Schiller in West Berlin as Philaminte in *Les Femmes Savantes*.

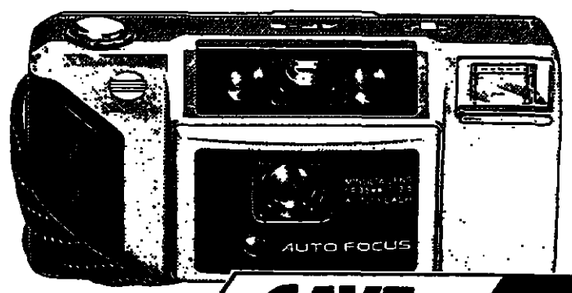
For the next thirty years and more she was to give a succession of memorable performances in the classics and in modern dramas. Her creation of the role of Winnie in the European première of Beckett's *Happy Days* at the Studio Stage of the Schiller - the Werkstatt - in 1961 was typical.

She appeared with distinction in Swinarski's historic production of Mayakovsky's *The Bedbug*; in Genet's *The Screens* and *The Balcony*; in Gorky's *Vassa Zheleznova*; and, most recently, in Kleist's *Penthesilea* - all on one or other of the Schiller's three stages.

She also published two books. The first, in 1948, *Heinrich George - ein Schauspielerleben* [an actor's life], is an appreciation of her husband, with offerings both from herself and from those who worked with him. Last year she published a book of memoirs.

She is survived by her film-actor son, Götz George.

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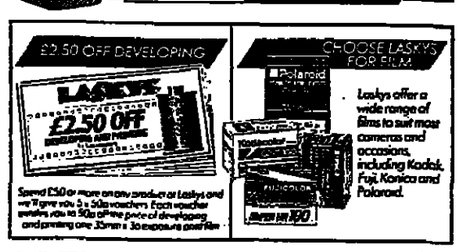
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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.
Psalm 42 · 5

BIRTHS

BARKES · On April 13th to Jane and Simon, a daughter, Harriet.

BARRACK · On April 5th 1987, at Heath Hospital, Cardiff, to Janet (née Grove-White) and Ronald Hunter, a daughter Fiona Helen.

CARLETON · On April 9th 1987 at Royal Air Force Hospital, Wegberg, BFPO 40, to Dianne (née Cresswick) and Geoffrey, a son, Christopher James.

CARNWATH - On April 18th in Nairobi, to Lindsey (née Jobbins) and Anthony, a son.

CARR - On April 13th, at Frimley Park Hospital, to Sue and Ian, a daughter, Emily Claire

COOKE · On Thursday April 2nd 1987, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Julie (née Reid) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Sara.

CRAWSHAW On April 13th, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Johanna (née Salter) and Sebastian, a daughter, Pippa Sophie, a sister for Sarah and Robert.

DALES · On April 15th, in Tampa, Florida, to Gillian (née Worton) and Arthur, a son, Alexander William.

DOLPHIN · On April 13th 1987, to Kirstie (née Leyland-Naylor) and Mark, a daughter, Kytie Sarah, a sister for Tristan.

DOWSON - On April 9th, at St Paul's, Cheltenham, to Prudence (née Allen) and Christopher, a daughter, (- Elizabeth Clare), a sister for George, a half sister for Julia Sandra

EMSLIE - On March 16th 1987, to Annabel and Alasdair, a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Louisa.

HANAFI - On April 11th, to Lesley and M'hamed, a daughter, Nadia Isabelle, sister to Nabil and Adham.

HOSFORD - On April 9th, to Hilary (née Coleman) and Adrian, a daughter Anna-Maria, a sister for Daniel and Zara.

MANNING - On April 12th 1987, to Sally (nee Green) and Paddy, a daughter.

McLEOD - On April 14th 1987, to Helen (née Sim) and Iain, a daughter, Francesca.

MICKLEBURGH - on 14th April 1987, at Westminster Hospital to Valerie (née Baldwin) and Bryn, a daughter Poppie Elizabeth

SETHIA - On April 13th 1987 to Rosie (née Aiden) and Krishna, a daughter, Alexandra Nalini Kate.

SUMMERS - On April 12th 1987, to Kate and Andy, two sons, Maurice and Anton, brothers for Haydn.

TUDOR - On April 11th, to Virginia (née Lowe) and Richard, a son, William James Sibree, a brother for Edward.

WELLS - On April 11th, to Gerry and Gill, a daughter Victoria Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

ROLT – BENSTED On April 11th 1987 in the Chapel of King Henry VII, Westminster Abbey, by the Very Rev. Michael Mayne, Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Rolt, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon to Marion daughter of Dr. and Mrs John Bensted, of Walton on the Hill, Surrey

DEATHS

AMBLER - On Tuesday April 14th, peacefully at home, Florence Ellen after a long illness borne with characteristic humour and courage. Very dear wife of Anthony and mother of Christopher. Funeral private. No flowers nor letters please but donations, if desired, to either Amnesty International or Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. All enquiries J H Kenyon Ltd 01 937 0757

ANDREWS - On April 15th 1987, peacefully at home Vida, wife of the late Arthur Andrews, mother of Christopher and "Nona" to Louise, Polly, Victoria and James. Funeral service at St John's Wood Parish Church on Wednesday April 22nd at 2pm followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead.

BERRY - On April 14th 1987, peacefully at his home in Cotwall, Norman Charles, F.I.A., F.S.S., late of Banstead, Surrey, beloved husband of Dorothy Eileen, and father of Helen Pardaens. Funeral service at the Church of St. James The Great, Cotwall, on Wednesday April 22nd at 10.45 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Church of St. James The Great to: Rev. C. Attwood, The Rectory, Cotwall, near Malvern, Worcs. WR13 6EG. Enquiries to B. Hawcutt FD. Tel: 05312084.

BOWRING - On April 13th, peacefully at home, Nona, dearly loved by all her family. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service. Tel: Poole 0202 694449 or 673164.

BRINDEJONT - On April 14th, Michel Brindejont, beloved husband of Peggy, father of Yves and grandfather of Eric and Yann, stepfather of Bill and Richard Stancomb. Funeral private, donations to Cancer Relief.

COWLIN - Dr Florence Ellen MRCS (Eng) FRCP (Lon) see Ambler

DIAMOND · On April 14th 1987, peacefully, in a Hill Home, London N6, Ida. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Highgate, N6, on Tuesday 21st April at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Hill Homes c/o Funeral Directors, Cooksey & Son Ltd, 190 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill N10

EICKHOFF - On April 13th 1987, Mabel Macy, aged 88 years, of Hale, Cheshire and formerly of Northwood, Middlesex. Widow of John Alfred, mother of Keith and grandmother of Bridget and Charles. Funeral service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd April, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. may be received by Messrs John G.Ashton and Co., Church Street, Altrincham., Tel: 061-928 7816.

FITZPATRICK - On April 14th, peacefully at Walton Hospital after a short illness, Deenagh Patricia, dearly loved wife of Brigadier J.A Fitzpatrick C.B.E., mother of Barry and Brian. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 1.30pm on Tuesday April 21st. Flowers to F.W Chitty & Co. Ltd., Weybridge, Surrey Tel: 0932 42220

GARDINER - On April 6th, at home in Madrid, George Edgar ("Gary") Gardiner CBE, MC, aged 77, retired Manager, Bank of London and South America, Madrid. Much loved and missed by all his friends.

HUNTER - On April 14th peacefully Dorothy Mary (née Littledale) of Ditchling, Sussex, Widow of J.F.S. Hunter, in her 94th year Funeral at St Margaret's Church, Ditchling 12.30 Thursday April 23rd. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Peter's and St James' Nursing Home, Wivelsfield Green, West Sussex.

KENSMAN - On April 11th, suddenly at home, Caryl Susan (née Bibby), much loved mother of Juliet and beloved daughter of Vera and Eric Bibby. Funeral service on Tuesday April 21st at 11.30 am, St James Church, Gerrards Cross, followed by private cremation. Flowers to H.C.Grimstead Ltd, Chalfont St Peter, or donations to Barnfield Trust.

LIND - On April 14th 1987, Ellen Solitzan, of Madrid, Manila, and New York, of a stroke in Madrid.

MASSEY - On April 10th 1987, suddenly in Petersfield, Marian Emma, aged 80 years. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Petersfield, April 16th at noon Flowers to Petersfield Funeral Services, 19 The Square.

McLEISH - On April 11th 1987, peacefully in Parkside Hospital, Wimbledon, after a long illness, Robert Moore formerly of S.I.P.C., mourned by his son John. Cremation private.

O BRIEN - On April 10th, 1987 peacefully in hospital, Mary Katharine Drummond Ramsay O Brien, aged 82 years. Elder daughter of the Rt Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland Bt. Affectionately remembered by her sister Margy and David, Lucius O Brien and their children Michael and Lucia. Funeral at St Mary's Parish Church, Headley on Wednesday 22nd April at 3.45 pm. Donations if desired please to Oxfam.

POTT - On April 12th 1987, peacefully at a Bognor Regis Nursing Home, Rhoda Muriel Hamilton, aged 96 years. Formerly of Epsom. Beloved sister of Florence. Funeral service private.

ROBINSON - On April 14th 1987, peacefully in a nursing home, after a brave battle, Jo, dearly loved wife of Robbie (Quentin Robinson). Funeral Service at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, Finchley, N2, on Wednesday April 22nd at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers to Eden Hall Marie Curie Home, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, NW3.

SCHOUTEN - On April 12th peacefully in Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton after a painful illness borne with courage and good humour, Francisca Johannes (Frans) of 11, Nassau Road, Barnes, London, SW13, much loved husband of Shirley. Funeral service, Friday April 24th at 1.30pm at St Mary's Church, Barnes, followed by cremation. Family flowers only Donations may be made to National Association for Cancer Relief. 15/19 Britten Street, SW3.

SENIOR - On April 9th 1987, Violet Ruth Murray, gallant fighter, after years of ill health. Funeral 2.30 pm Thursday April 23rd at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, Reading, followed by cremation.

SPURRELL - On April 12th, Margaret (Marg) of Kettle Hill, Rudgeway. Funeral service Wiveton Church, Holt, Norfolk. Thursday April 23rd at 2.30pm. Garden flowers only

ST CLAIR-PEARCE - On 12th April, 1987, peacefully, at William Harvey Hospital, Leslie William Frederic, aged 72 years. A former Highgate School pupil who passed successfully through many careers to obtain the status of gentleman of independent means, despite the handicap of being unable to walk. Besides commercial success, he achieved Masonic distinction also, being the first ever disabled Master and was rewarded for his endeavours and knowledge with the position of lecturer. From his wife Pamela, four sons and daughter Tracy, a simple phrase "We think of you and know you better for much of what we are is made of you."

THOMSON - On April 14th, peacefully, at Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford, George Ian Falconer. Much loved husband of Mary and father of Emma and Richard. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's, Yarnton, on Tuesday April 21st at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Sobell House, Churchill Hospital.

WARR - On April 15th peacefully after a short illness, Cyril Fearby, O.B.E. Funeral service at Cranford Crematorium, Bristol, on Wednesday April 22nd at 2.00 pm. Enquiries and flowers to R. Davies and Son, F.D., 381 Gloucester Rd, Bristol. Tel: 0272 424 039.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GREAVES - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Frederick (Jack) Greaves, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 29 Rue Capitaine Crespel, Brussels, on Tuesday, April 28th at 11am.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

STAMP - In loving memory of our dear father, mother and brother, Josiah Charles, First Baron Stamp of Shortlands, Olive Jessie, his wife, and Wilfrid Carlyle, their eldest son, killed by enemy action, April 16th 1941

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BROOKS - Dorothy Neville (Brownie). In dearest memory of Brownie, beloved wife of John, who died 16th April 1986. All my love.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CASSELS-LOMSDALE - On April 16th 1937 at All Souls Langham Place Marcus Kennedy to Laura Elizabeth

Services for Good Friday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL. 9.30 Liturgy of the Cross. Responses (Sarum). Lamentation (Bairstow). Litany (Tallis). Passion (Victoria). Reproaches (Victoria). Faithful Cross (John of Portugal); 12 Three Hours Devotion (Quire) The Dean; 5.30 E. Responses (Sarum). Anthem: When Jesus Had Tasted The Vinegar, Tones I solemn and ill. crucifixus (Lotti).

YORK MINSTER: 10 M & Litany. Lamentations (Bairstow). Benedictus fauxbourdons (Tallis). Responses (Plainsong). In manus tuas (Tallis). Litany (Lodsemoore); 12 Three Hours Devotion; 4 E. fauxbourdons (Tallis). Tenebrae Psalms Sung (Poulenc); 7.30 United Act of Worship.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. 8 HC; 10 M & Litany. The Lamentation (Bairstow). Miserere (Allegri). Litany (Tallis); 12 Three Hours Devotion; 4 E. Tones I, II and I with fauxbourdons (Tallis). O vos omnes (Gesualdo). Rev John Wed; 6.30 The Passion according to St Matthew (Bach).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 9.20 M. Said in St Faith's Chapel; 10 Liturgy. Litany & Ministry of the Word for Good Friday. The Very Rev Michael Mayne; 12 Three Hours Service. Right Rev Leslie Brown; 4 E. Sung in the Quire.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL. 12. 1.15 Service of readings, addresses & music. The Bishop of Kingston; 1.30 Liturgy of Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross. (Wood in Phrygian mode). The St John Passion (Victoria). The Reproaches (Plainsong). The Bishop of Kingston

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 12 The Liturgy. St John Passion (Victoria). The Dean of Westminster

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M & Litany. Lamentations (Bairstow). Ave Verum (Mozart)

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 11.15 MP & Ante Communion. Behold the Cross displayed. Responses (Thalben-Ball). Benedictus (Walford-Davies in G). (Darke in F). The Minster

ST CLEMENT DANE'S (RAF Church) WC2. 11 Good Friday Service. Rev M J Sloane

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 11 Ante Communion (Boys' Voices). Reading of the Passion. Messe Basse (Faure).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER 12 Liturgy with Passion, addresses & Mc.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret St, ect. W1: 10 Solemn Liturgy. Reproaches (Palestrina). Crucifixus (Lotti); 12 Three Hours Devotion Rev V A Stock

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 10 Family Service. Rev Richard Bewes. 12 Three Hour Service. The Bishop of Croydon, speaks K McNeilar Ferguson

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church St, SW3: 10 Children's Service; 12 Three Hour Service Revs L Thomas

HOLY TRINITY, Bromption: 12 Three Hour Meditation. Ven Timothy Raison. 3 Station's of the Cross

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 12 Three Hour Service. Rev Martin Israel

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 7.30 St John Passion (Sacha). Priory Festival Choir

ST BRIDE'S: 12.05 am 8.30 am All-night Vigil of Prayer; 8.30 Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified. 12 Three Hours Meditation, preaching with Stainer's Crucifixion

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☆ *ROMEO AND JULIET: Sean* Bean and Niamh Cusack are the young lovers in Michael Bogdanov's production set in Verona 1986. **Barbican Theatre**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7-10pm, matinee Thurs and Sat 2-5pm. £8-£13.50.

☆ **WHAT ABOUT LUV:** See caption. **Lyric Theatre**, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-9.35pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.20pm, Sat 4-5.50pm, £5-£10, until May 2.



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OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Knuckle:** David Hare's fast-moving private-eye thriller, with Brian Capron, Joanna Hole and Ernest Clark. **Alexandra Theatre**, Station Street (021 643 1231). Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm. £3-£6, until April 18.

BRISTOL: ☆ **John Bull:** First production in modern times of a "lost" comedy by George Colman. **Old Vic Theatre Royal**, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.30pm 16th and 23rd, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1.70-£7.50, until May 2.

EASTBOURNE: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. **Devonshire Park Theatre**, Compton Street (0323 36363). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 5-7pm, until April 18.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Comedians:** Trevor Griffiths's 1975 play The Comedians marvellously rewritten for women performers. With Cheryl Maiker, Jenny Lecoat and Ann Mitchell. **Everyman Theatre**, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Tues-Sat 8-10.20pm, £2.50-£4.50, until May 2.

NORTHAMPTON: ☆ **Seesaw:** Helen Shapiro and Nicholas Bennett in a popular musical expanded from the play *Two for the Seesaw*. **Royal Theatre**, 15 Guildhall Road (0604 32533/24811). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.50pm, £3-£6, until April 25.

RICHMOND: ☆ **King Lear:** Sir Anthony Quayle leads a strong cast close to London in Compass Theatre's nationwide tour. **Richmond Theatre**, Richmond Green, Surrey (01-940 0088). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£8.50, until April 18.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Julius Caesar:** New season opens with Roger Allam superb as Brutus and Nicholas Farrell as Antony in Terry Hands's chiaroscuro production. **Royal Shakespeare Theatre**, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, £5-£17.50.

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): Transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft), book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs (99 min).
☆ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents *emotionally involved with a former pupil* (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
☆ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☆ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☆ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** Paul Newman returns to the pool table in a belated sequel to The Hustler. With Tom Cruise as the young protégé. Directed by Martin Scorsese (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.40, 7.15, 9.50.
☆ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.20, 3.30, 5.40, 7.50, 10.00.

■ **THE FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR (U):** Joey Cramer as the boy navigator for a distant planet's space flights (90 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.00, 8.15.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.20, 300, 5.25, 7.50.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.
☆ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.35, 4.50, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.

■ **THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15):** Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato with a covertly assembled atomic bomb. Michael Caine is the maverick spycatcher (119 min).
☆ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.20, 4.50, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
☆ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45.

THE GREEN RAY (PG): Connoisseurs of Eric Rohmer's work will recognize both actress Marie Riviere and her character's predicament as she labours mightily over affairs of the heart (98 min).
☆ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG): Mild parody of the haunted house genre, with Gene Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion, and Dom DeLuise in drag (83 min).
☆ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ **OVER THE TOP (PG):** Perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck driver who tries to get to know his neglected son (93 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.
☆ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 4.05.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35.
☆ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35.

PERSONAL SERVICES (18): Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters. Not for the easily offended (105 min).
☆ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.

Allan Titmuss



Along with the hyped-up publicity, the excited reviews from younger critics and the consequent healthy sales of his first album, the saxophonist Courtney Pine (above) has had to face up to a measure of resentment from an older generation of musicians who cannot comprehend why this young fellow, barely out of school, should be receiving so much publicity at a time when seasoned practitioners are feeling the cold wind of public indifference. It would be easier for them to understand if Pine were playing a new style of music, with a specific appeal to the young. They know, though, that he is only working his way through the lessons set in the Fifties and early Sixties by the American masters John Coltrane and Sonny Rollins, and learnt word-perfect many years ago by such fine British saxophonists as Alan Skidmore, Tony Coe, Art Themen and Don Weller. There is nothing new in this sort of irony, of course. In the Forties, the psychologically fragile Lester Young was driven to the edge of his sanity by his impersonators, whose omnipresence imprisoned him in a hall of mirrors. Those curious about the true extent of Pine's talent — and, more importantly, the scale of his potential — can find out tonight when his quartet appears at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon (01-668 9291, 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50).
Richard Williams

Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 1310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☆ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.
☆ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☆ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25. **Metro** (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30.

THE VOYAGE HOME — STAR TREK IV (PG): *The Enterprise* team star in another slick fantasy. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min.)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.

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☆ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

WORKING GIRLS (18): Documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. With Louise Smith heads a cast of professional actresses (90 min).
☆ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443).

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BEST SELLING BOOKS

Best selling books for the week ending April 11

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1	**Destiny**, Sally Beauman	Bantam Press	£10.95
2	**The Maid of Buttermere**, Melvyn Bragg	Hodder	£10.95
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5	**No Enemy But Time**, Evelyn Anthony	Hutchinson	£10.95

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4	**Rab: The Life of R A Butler**, Anthony Howard	Cape	£15.00
5	**Little Wilson & Big God**: Anthony Burgess	Heinemann	£12.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**A Perfect Spy**, John Le Carre	Coronet	£ 3.50
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3	**Colours Aloft**, Alexander Kent	Arrow	£ 2.95
4	**Hannibal's Footsteps**, Bernard Levin	Sceptre	£ 3.95
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7	**A Dark-Adapted Eye**, Barbara Vine	Penguin	£ 2.95
8	*Contact*, Carl Sagan	*Arrow*	£ 3.50
9	**What's Bred in the Bone**, Robertson Davies	Penguin	£ 3.95
10	**Cellnet Guide 1987**, Egon Ronay	AA	£ 9.95

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OPERA

☆ **SIMON BOCCANEGRA:** A muted welcome for David Alden's new production of Verdi's dark masterpiece; but Jonathan Summers is a powerful Doge of Genoa and Mark Elder conducts. *English National Opera, Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **DIDO AND PYGMALION:** Kent Opera's enterprising baroque double-bill of Purcell and Rameau, now newly staged. **Theatre Royal**, Theatre Street, Norwich (0603 628205), 7.15-10.15pm, £4.50-£12.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's witty and handsome production of the G & S mock-melodrama, strongly cast and well sung. **Derngate**, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), 7.30-10.20pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **UN BALLO IN MASCHERA:** Göran Jäwefelt's production for *Welsh National Opera* with Christine Teare as the Amelia. **Hippodrome**, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.15-10.30pm, £5-£19.

CONCERTS

EVENING

☆ **BERGLUND/BELKIN:** Paavo Berglund conducts the RPO in Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Don Juan*, Sibelius's Symphony No 5, and Boris Belkin solos in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **HILLIARD ENSEMBLE:** Tallis's *Lamentations*, Taverner's *Dum Transisset Sabbatum* and Ockegham's *Missa Caput* are sung by the Hilliard Ensemble. **St John's**, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£8.

☆ **COPLAND TRANSCRIBED:** Victoria Soames and Julius Drake give the European premiere of Copland's Violin Sonata transcribed by the composer for clarinet and piano. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.10pm, £2-£4.

☆ **SPANISH EVENING:** Gerard Schwarz conducts the LSO in Falla's *Noches en los jardines de Espana* (Carol Rosenberger, piano) and *El sombrero de tres picos*. Ravel's Bolero and Chabrier's *España*. **Barbican Centre**, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-928 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **MOZART/STRAVINSKY:** The Bournemouth Sinfonietta performs Mozart's Symphony No 35 "Haffner" and Piano Concerto K466 (Angela Hewitt, soloist), Stravinsky's *Dances concertantes* and *Dumberton Oaks*. Roger Norrington conducts. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£7.

JAZZ

☆ **JEROME RICHARDSON:** Skilled saxophonist and flautist, best known for his work in the Sixties with the Jones-Lewis Orchestra and Mingus's *Black Saint* band. **Bass Clef**, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **BILL BRUFORD'S EARTHWORKS:** Teaming up with brilliant young jazz musicians Django Bates, Iain Ballamy and Mick Hutton is proving to be a move as rewarding as it is courageous for the former Yes and King Crimson drummer. **Southport Arts Centre** (0704 40011), 8pm, £5.

ROCK

★ **MICHAEL MCDONALD:** First British tour by the singer/songwriter who joined the Doobie Brothers in 1976 and subsequently wrote much of their best material, including "What a Fool Believes" and "Minute By Minute". A solo star since the Doobies disbanded in 1982, recent successes include "Ya Mo B There" and a lengthy residency in the album chart with *Sweet Freedom — The Best Of Michael McDonald*. **Hammersmith Odeon, Queen** Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **MICHELLE SHOCKED:** Texan singer/writer of buoyant acoustic folk songs brings a different theme and guests musicians to each of her London performances. **Drill Hall Arts Centre**, 16 Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-837 8270), 8pm, £4.

☆ **LEVEL 42:** Isle of Wight's pop-funk fusionists with *Running In The Family* in the chart at No 6. Bassist Mark King's dextrous technique is always an absorbing feature of their live shows. **Brighton Conference Centre**, Russell Road (0273 202881), 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50.

☆ **STEELEYE SPAN:** One of the early seventies bands responsible for the transformation of electric-folk into folk-rock by taking traditional songs and beefing them up with contemporary rock rhythms. Back on the road with "Day Trip To Bangor" and other favourites. **Town Hall, Imperial Square**, Cheltenham (0242 523690), 7.30pm, £4.50.

DANCE

★ ***THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:*** Marion Tait and Petter Jacobsson dance Peter Wright's production for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, £1 (bad view)-£23.50.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama. **Theatre Royal**, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626). 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **AMERICAN SUITE:** Extemporary Dance Theatre in new works by Viola Farber and David Gordon. **Theatre Royal**, Jewry Street, Winchester (0962 63210). 7.45-9.45pm, £3-£5.

GALLERIES

JACOB EPSTEIN: An important retrospective for a sculptor who was maligned in his time and whose favoured techniques of carving and modelling are now rarely practiced by progressive artists. **Leeds City Art Gallery**, Municipal Buildings, Leeds (0532 462495). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until June 21.

SONIA BOYCE: Powerful drawings inspired by the artist's experiences of working class life in London's East End. **Octagon Gallery**, Orpheus Buildings, York Street, Belfast (0232 246259). Tues-Sat 10-6pm, free, until April 30.

STUART BRISLEY: Numerous installations examining themes of imprisonment and oppression by a performance artist who is currently artist-in-residence at the Imperial War Museum. **Shipley Art Gallery**, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead (091 477 1495). Tues-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-4.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 17.

AN A-Z OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS: Lesser known, alphabetically arranged treasures from the print room's huge collection of two million items. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555). Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until May 25.

ILYA GLAZUNOV: 200 pictures in a baffling array of styles from icon to Boot's print by allegedly the USSR's most popular contemporary artist. **Concourse Gallery**, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 11-8pm, Sun 12-6pm, £2, until April 20.

WALKS

MAUNDY THURSDAY WESTMINSTER WALK SPECIAL: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.75.

CHAUCER'S HIDDEN ALLEYS BEHIND THE OLD GATE: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

HISTORICAL PUB WALK — LAWYERS' LONDON: meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

TALKS

TURNER IN AN INDUSTRIALISED BRITAIN: Lunchtime lecture by Bernard Myers as part of the series Art and Society in Turner's Lifetime. **Clore Auditorium**, Tate Gallery, *Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313)*, 1pm, free.

THE PASSION: Three speakers talk about a different episode in the Passion as depicted in paintings by Titian, Caravaggio and the master of the Aachen Altarpiece. **The National Gallery**, (Room 29), Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

LAUGHTER AND TELEVISION: Third in a series of lectures entitled Comedy and Laughter given by Professor John Pick, from the City University. **Lecture Theatre of the Museum of London**, 150 London Wall, London EC2 (info 01-638 0353), 1.05pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

SOUTHWARK SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Today marks the 600th anniversary of the Canterbury *pilgrims meeting* at the Tabard in Southwark. First two tales presented tonight by The Chaucer Pilgrims of which the first, the Knight's Tale, is held to be the source of Shakespeare's Two Noble Kinsmen. **The Shakespeare Globe Museum Theatre Club**, Bear Gardens, Bankside, Southwark, London SE1 (01-928 6342), 7.30pm, Tickets for performance £3.50, performance and banquet £11.

CHILDREN'S EGG DECORATING AND ROLLING COMPETITION: For children of all ages, judging of decorated eggs and rolling competition down Cusworth's steep slope. Bring two eggs — one decorated, one not. **Cusworth Hall Museum**, Cusworth, Doncaster, South Yorkshire (0302 782342). Sessions at 11am and 2pm. Free.

UNICORN THEATRE WORKSHOPS: Children work with theatre staff on projects such as Locomotion Comotion, Dinosaurs and the Underworld. **Natural History Museum**, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323), 1pm-3pm. Admission to museum Adult £2, child 5-15 £1, under fives free.

FAMILY EVENTS AT THE GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM: Today all about fossils, with a film at 1.15pm followed by illustrated talk at 3pm. **Geological Museum**, Exhibition Road, London SW7. Admission adult £1, child 5-15 50p, under fives free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: Students perform at Royal Opera House, with productions of *Divertissements, Swan Lake* Act III, and Mikhail Messerer's *Class Ballet*. July 10-16. Postal booking open. Personal/phone booking from May 1. *Royal Opera House, Covent* Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911)

WARWICK ARTS FESTIVAL: Booking open for Warwick Castle Fireworks Concert, with Desford Colliery Dowty Band; festival also includes performances of *Hamlet* in the castle, and music from the Fairer Sax, Vancouver Bach Choir, St Mary's Choir in American concert, Meux and Martineau Piano Trio, and Michala Petri and the Guildhall Strings. July 2-12. **Warwick Arts Festival Office**, Northgate, Warwick (0926 495421)

KIRI TE KANAWA: Songs from *My Fair Lady* and Operatic Arias, with Jeremy Irons as Professor Higgins, and Warren Mitchell as Alfred Doilttle. LSO under John Mauceri. May 11. **Royal Albert Hall**, Kensington (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9645).

LAST CHANCE

HEITOR VILLA-LOBOS: Exhibition to celebrate centenary of the birth of the Brazilian composer. Ends today, free. **Barbican**, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

NEO-ROMANTIC LANDSCAPES: Paintings of 1940s and 50s by Michael Ayrton, John Craxton, John Minton, Ceri Richards, Keith Vaughan and Bryan Wynter. Ends today. **Gillian Jason**, 42 Inverness Street, London NW1 (01-267 4835).

THE MINOR ARTS OF CHINA: *Lacquer work, clocks, and glass* exhibition. Ends today. **Spink and Son Ltd**, King Street, London SW1 (01-930 7888).

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THE ARTS

Amiable cosiness

The John Snow pub in Soho is named not after the England fast bowler but the Victorian physician who spotted the link between a local outbreak of cholera and foul water drawn from the pump in the street outside.

The first part of *Victorian Values* (Granada) retailed social-history information of this order at the expense of the polemic its title might suggest: Bamber Gascoigne sitting at the bar instead of standing in the pulpit. Since it was not quite clear what he thinks of his material, the programme resembled an Open University

TELEVISION

transmission fronted by the Cheshire Cat. Perched dapperly on the parapet of the Embankment or plunging manfully through Bazalgette's brick-built sewers, the perpetually smiling Mr Gascoigne gave a textbook run-through of the 19th century's pioneering improvements to public sanitation. It was all quite amiable — pretty bridging music and popular songs; a potted dramatization of worthy mutton-chops — but the prime Victorian virtue that went begging was enthusiasm.

***Who's the Greatest?* (Thames) really should be filmed in a pub, with the contenders becoming progressively glazed and unbuttoned in their vociferation as the lager wears on. Sport has long since replaced politics and religion as the major excuse for steaming bloody-mindedness: television should take the opportunity to pillory it. In the event, the series has opted for a cosy trial format, with Brian Moore presiding over two champions who call expert witnesses to support their claims for comparable sportsmen, and 12 "independent-minded sports fans" who vote at the close. Last night, in case anyone cares, Muhammad Ali (sponsor: Dennis Waterman) thrashed Rocky Marciano (Eamonn Andrews) 9-3.**

Tabloid ambition wedded to anaemic, half-jokey presentation: no, this does not sound like a very good idea for a television series; in fact (as Julian Barnes has remarked in another context), it does not even sound like a very good idea for an idea. Wading through *TV Times* in search of enlightenment, one finds the perhaps significant revelation that Mr Moore has not touched red meat these four years.

Martin Cropper

Dark comedy of lives in confusion

CINEMA

Crimes of the Heart (15)
Odeon Haymarket

My Life as a Dog (PG)
Renoir

The Assault (PG)
Cannon Swiss Centre

Almost You (15)
Cannon Tottenham Court Road; Metro



The sun-bleached sister from Los Angeles whose career has petered out: Jessica Lange in *Crimes of the Heart*

On the New York stage, Beth Henley's Crimes of the Heart — the darkly comic tale of three Southern sisters with mixed-up lives — was performed by experienced, but none too starry players; Bruce Beresford's film goes for glitter with Diane Keaton, Sissy Spacek and Jessica Lange. The casting is certainly astute.

The eerie, elfin Spacek is made to measure for Babe, the childlike sister under arrest for shooting her husband, a local senator who tumbled to her love-making with a teenage black handyman. Lange brings a valuable hard edge to Meg, the sun-bleached sister from Los Angeles whose singing career has petered out; and Keaton piles all her nervous mannerisms into the role of Lenny, the eldest girl facing spinsterhood with white ankle-socks, long skirts and flailing arms. The three gather together to plan Babe's defence and unravel past memories — from old boyfriends to their mother's strange suicide in the cellar (she hung herself along with the cat).

Beth Henley's play is rich in the baroque comedy of lives running out of kilter, and the stars enjoy the opportunity to let their hair down with a Southern accent. On stage, everything happened in the kitchen; now we roam all over a sprawling house in North Carolina, transformed by the production designer Ken Adam into a weather-beaten palace of gables, towers, latticework, lampshades and decade upon decade of furniture. Beresford takes care — too much care — to frame his actors with domestic clutter; when the characters are governed by wild impulses, a style so respectful, so academic, has the taming effect of a pail of cold water. But at times the right note is struck — as when Spacek walks downstairs to a ringing phone, a rope and broken chandelier trailing behind after a failed attempt at hanging. As she observes later, "I'm having a bad day".

The last Lasse Hallström film to be distributed here was the 1977 *Abba — The Movie*. Luckily the Swedish director has put hack-work behind him: *My Life as a Dog*, made in 1985, bristles with character and charm. The story of a mischievous 12-year-old boy in the 1950s coming to terms with death and responsibility stems from a popular novel, though this still seems pre-eminently a director's film. You sense a guiding hand thrusting the narrative forward, establishing the mood of nostalgia through diffused lighting, and steering the players away from mawkish porridge or buffoonery.

Consider the material's pitfalls. Ingemar, a boy too lively for his ailing mother (who ultimately dies), is sent to live with relatives in the country. He sorely misses his dog, but is gradually sucked into the daily round — sparring with other children, reading lingerie adverts to the invalid Mr Arviddson, acting as chaperon to a sculptor's nude model, and listening endlessly to his uncle's record of "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts".

The village has more than the national average of eccentrics, and a few toes might curl at the pastoral whimsy. Yet Hallström channels all human foibles through the questing mind of the young hero, tentatively exploring his developing sexuality and the dark feelings of guilt over his mother's death. At times Ingemar's thoughts fill the soundtrack to the visual accompaniment of the sky at night: "It's not so bad if you think about it", he muses, recalling a canine space voyager who starved to death for the cause of progress, "it could have been worse."

Imagine this with a graduate from the Margaret O'Brien School of Acting: the film would collapse in a pool of tears. But Hallström conjures a miraculous performance from Anton Glanzelius: no jerks at the heart-strings, no precocious grasping at emotions out of reach — just the natural, quixotic moods of an impish, sensitive lad, suddenly forced to grow up, facing life with a brave, open heart.

Cumbersomely adapted from an obviously large novel, the virtue of Fons Rademakers's The Assault lies in its character psychology. Rademakers, a leading Dutch director now in his late sixties, paints a valid portrait of a child who lost his family in the Nazi occupation, growing into manhood with hidden emotional scars. But the defects mount up so: the ponderous direction; the simplistic use of actuality footage to pinpoint the passing years; the severe face of the lead actor, Derek de Lint; the indifferent music smeared across scenes like jam. *The Assault* was this year's Oscar-winner for the Best Foreign Film.

Almost You, a bitter-sweet comedy from 1984, deserves exhumation, though it cannot be counted a great success: its young director, Adam Brooks, lets time hang heavy over scenes that should fly with the wind. Yet at least he never stifles his attractive cast — including Griffin Dunne as the harassed New Yorker trying to break free from marriage, and Brooke Adams as the brittle wife with a dislocated hip but a very mobile tongue.

Geoff Brown

CONCERT

ECO/Litton
Elizabeth Hall/ Radio 3

Redolent of park bandstands on Sunday afternoons it may be, but the overture to Hérold's *Zampa* is, in its way, a précis of certain early-Romantic musical tendencies. So it made an apposite opener to the second concert in the English Chamber Orchestra's stimulating "Dawn of Romanticism" series.

One can, for instance, hear a presage of *Carmen* in the swaggering, cymbal-led opening, or a touch of Berlioz about thet crude but effective "wrong-note" trombone entry a few bars on. Later, the clarinet's chorale — a startlingly strait-laced passage to find in an overture about a master philanderer — hints at Brahms in his upright-citizen mood; but then the accelerating oom-pah coda points to Hérold's greatest contemporary in the *opéra comique* field, Rossini.

The general tenor of this music, though, is brash and burly, and this seemed to suit the young American conductor Andrew Litton. One was less convinced when he approached Schumann's First Symphony similarly. If this gloriously idiosyncratic tumble of a piece is to be performed by a chamber orchestra it needs crisp and discriminating handling.

Litton's heavyweight approach was fine for stomping through the scherzo, and there was an impressive solidity about the first movement (apart from some erratic pick-ups). But the Larghetto, too stressfully phrased at first, became ludicrously unbalanced when the cellos took up the tune: four of them struggled to penetrate accompaniments of pudding-like density. On the other hand, there were magic moments: the trombones' entry at the Larghetto's close; a superbly cohesive flute/horn cadenza in the finale.

Earlier, Ann Murray had been in fine voice for three Schubert arias. She covered the metallic side of her timbre appropriately for the tender picture of life eternal painted in "So schlummert auf Rosen" from *Lazarus*, then opened out radiantly for two charming numbers from *Alfonso und Estrella*. The other soloist was the oboist Neil Black, who played Hummel's Introduction, Theme and Variations with characteristic wit and control. More "bandstand" music, perhaps, but irresistibly virtuosic.

Richard Morrison

OPERA

Otello
Covent Garden

It says much for Elijah Moshinsky's production of *Otello*, perhaps underestimated when first seen in January, that it can absorb an almost total cast-change, in roles both large and small, without showing signs of strain. It may at times look a bit like the National Gallery — the old part, *not* the Sainsbury Wing — but it is a very workable vehicle for singers.

For this first revival Covent Garden have assembled the kind of line-up one might hear on a good night at the Verona Arena. Vladimir Atlantov, Sherrill Milnes and Rosalind Plowright must have given a good 300 performances of *Otello* between them; none however has sung in the work at the Royal Opera House before. What emerges is an evening with plenty of vocal power and not a great deal of subtlety.

It is all summed up by the Russian tenor Vladimir Atlantov, in the title-role. He has a natural Otello voice, probably the most natural around at the moment, and irresistibly recalls Mario del Monaco in the part: a hunky lion of a man with the brazen tones to extol victory — the opening "Esultate" was thrilling — and to curse loss in an equally impressive "Dio! mi potevi". What is missing is the readiness of a Domingo to probe into the core of a moderately complex man. Domingo presents a lived-in Otello, Atlantov one performed many times and well within his very considerable vocal resources.

Sherrill Milnes's vocal resources too remain pretty impressive after a long career. His Iago may take the Credo with caution nowadays, especially the close where younger baritones are ready to let rip, but there is always the clear impresssion of man ready, and excellently equipped, for a power-struggle. The Milnes Iago, as noted from Los Angeles last autumn when he appeared with Domingo, by his very stage presence — commanding height, leather jackboots — suggests that *he* should be the officer in charge of the Venetian forces. His interpretation reaches its peak in the Act III ensemble when Moshinsky quite correctly pushes Otello into the shadows.

The most subtle and tense performance comes from Rosalind Plowright as Desdemona, a rather different figure here from the one displayed at the Coliseum. It took Miss Plowright time to find her form, which was established by a single, gorgeous floated high note at the start of Act III. Thereafter it was forward for most of the way: a Willow Song shaped in true Verdian style, a slightly breathy Ave Maria. It is a pity Miss Plowright's very human Desdemona is only on view for one more evening (next Monday) before she hands over the part to Julia Varady, hastening into London after her Salzburg Elviras.

There were telling contributions from Robin Leggate (Cassio) and Robert Lloyd (Lodovico). Edward Downes in the pit took the first act at a pace that suggested he was worried about his train home, but then settled down to more measured tempi. The interpretation lacks nothing in vigour, but it is short on tenderness and instrumental colouring.

John Higgins

Donald Cooper



Iago instils doubt: Sherrill Milnes (left), Vladimir Atlantov

Donald Cooper



Ardour no longer required to carry the weight of tragedy: Niamh Cusack and Sean Bean

All for love of money

THEATRE

Romeo and Juliet
Barbican

Most English classics are about money, but some disguise it better than others; and the central achievement of Michael Bogdanov's production — another exercise in tabloid Shakespeare alongside the Old Vic Henrys — is to show true love losing hands-down to the property instinct. Not one reference to cash escapes Bogdanov's attention. Benvolio's exit-line about dying in debt becomes a cue for settling a café bill. Folding money excites Dilys Laye's well-fed Nurse as well as the starving Apothecary.

Come the marvellously comic duel between Mercutio (Michael Kitchen) and Tybalt (Hugh Quarshie), and Tybalt breaks off the fight to inspect his gleaming new sports car for damage after his adversary has taken a swipe at it. The Capulets, of course, are exposed as a pair of cold-hearted slaves of the ducat who regard their daughter as a walking investment. In the production's key line, the Friar rounds on them with the accusation "The most you sought was her promotion".

Finally, Bogdanov drives his argument home by cutting straight from Juliet's death speech to a posthumous Press conference with a mohair-suited Duke delivering the prologue on the two households to an accompaniment of popping flash-bulbs; while the golden statues of the lovers reveal that their deaths have only stimulated their families into renewed competition.

With Bogdanov's work you **have to accept a degree of overkill. In this case, it is not simply a modern-dress show but one packed with all the gleaming iconography of street warfare, and where closing couplets are apt to be drowned out by Benvolio's revving motorbike. Likewise, characterization leaves you in no doubt of where your sympathies are supposed to lie. It is coarse; but it works because it has been solidly thought out.**

Niamh Cusack and Sean Bean (much improved since last year's Stratford opening) are extremely affecting, partly because they give performances of incandescent ardour, but also because they are no longer required to carry the weight of tragedy. Their deaths are presented in their true colours as a ridiculous waste, with no effect on the world they leave behind. Tragedy is reserved for Robert Demeger's Friar, a middle-aged man trying to take sides with uncorrupted youth, but finally defeated and making an ignominiously terrified exit from the tomb.

Irving Wardle

ROCK

Michael McDonald
Hammersmith Odeon

Plenty of British singers, from *Steve Winwood to* Mick Hucknall, have done well in the genre known as "blue-eyed soul". However devoted he may be, though, no Brit can hope to be as convincing as someone who has grown up *among the rhythms* and cadences of soul music. That special quality — shared with the likes of Charlie Rich, the Young Rascals' Felix Cavaliere and whoever sang the lead on Flaming Ember's "*Westbound No 9*" — is what makes Michael McDonald so completely convincing.

The concerts on his first British tour have been a textbook demonstration of how to blend the full-frontal power of rock 'n' roll with the emotional depth of the best soul music — a fusion for which his career has provided the perfect training. After reviving the Doobie Brothers, an ailing boogie band, in the late Seventies, he came to prominence as an individual in hit duets with James Ingram on "Ya Mo B There" and with Patti LaBelle on "On My Own", each providing an example of his acceptance among black artists.

Hoarse and urgent, always seeming to strain on the brink of the falsetto register, McDonald's voice is nevertheless intimate — not the plastic soft-porn that passes for intimacy among so many male soul singers of the 1980s, but the intimacy of introspection. Even when his band was rolling like a freight train through "Minute by Minute", "What a Fool Believes", "Sweet Freedom" and "No Lookin' Back" on Tuesday night, McDonald retained a slight but discernible distance from the traditional posturing. In fact, he keeps his dignity.

At times deploying four sets of keyboards, his six musicians contributed fully to a carefully programmed show. David Pack's fluent guitar being the outstanding instrumental voice in a dense mix. Jaki Graham played Miss LaBelle's role with great panache, and in "I Keep Forgettin' " and "I Can Let Go Now" McDonald reminded us that no grown-up rock 'n' roller is writing more effective love songs.

Richard Williams

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Archbishop recalls acts of heroism as crewmen lay a wreath at Cathedral service

Nation mourns victims of the ferry disaster

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"I think of the man who acted as a bridge to allow others to crawl across, and the grandmother who tried to save someone in a falling wheelchair", the Archbishop said.

Princess Anne, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher were among guests at the memorial service to commemorate those who died and to acknowledge the work of rescue teams in the disaster.

Two survivors from the crew, assistant purser Steven Homewood and bosun Terence Ayling, laid a wreath of golden carnations and rosemary before the nave altar while the congregation stood in silence. After the service, the Prime Minister and the Archbishop were introduced to survivors and relatives.

The chairman of P & O, Sir Jeffrey Sterling, and the Bishop of Bruges read the first and second lessons after the laying of the wreath.

Captain David Lewry, the man in charge of the vessel at the time of the disaster, sat with members of his crew throughout the service. His wife Patricia wept as they left after the service.

More tales of heroism emerged as survivors, rescuers and relatives were brought together for the first time since the disaster and shared stories in the Cathedral forecourt after the service.

Lisa Cain, aged 11, spoke for the first time of how she lost her mother, father and grandmother when the ferry capsized and of how she narrowly escaped death herself.

She said: "My parents and my grandmother were in the duty free shop. I was looking after the luggage at the back of the boat when it tipped over. As I fell off my seat a lady grabbed me. She stopped me falling. I saw this lady's best friend fall through the glass window and into the water. She died. A man grabbed hold of me and hauled me onto some rope. I was pulled out and put in a fishing boat."

Lisa who is now living with relatives near Twickenham, west London, said: "I never saw the lady who helped me again. Without her I would have fallen straight off my seat, through the glass and into the sea. I have no idea whether she survived or not, but she saved my life."

Mr Andrew Parker, who helped save the lives of 20 people when he used his body to form a human bridge, was one of those introduced to Mrs Thatcher and Dr Runcie.

The Prime Ministerrecognized him instantly from pictures she had seen on television, Mr Parker said afterwards.

"She was very comforting. She thanked me and all of us for doing what we did."

Mrs Felicity Smith, who lost her mother, Mrs Mary Smith, in the disaster said: "It gave me tremendous strength to be with so many people. I have been alone for so long. I am only really just coming to terms with it, after the service."

Steward Peter Scamp narrowly escaped being in the boat himself after going on leave the day before. "The service seemed to bring us all very close. It was a very deep, emotional thing, to be able to get everyone together at the same time. I knew all the crew who lost their lives, one of them was my best friend."

Judge Arthur D'Hoest, heading the Belgian inquiry, revealed that seven bodies now await formal identification in Bruges. "We all came here with sympathy to express our sentiments to the families. It was very emotional, very moving."



Mr Terry Ayling and Mr Stephen Holmwood, crewmen from the sunken ferry, laying a wreath at the service (Photographs: Stephen Markeson).



Mr Andrew Parker who helped save the lives of 20 people.



Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe, with Mr Kinnock and Mr Steel behind.

Research earnings 'rise to £198m'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Universities have increased their earnings by more than £50 million in research and teaching contracts carried out for industry and other organizations.

A rise in the past year in contracts from £146 million to £198 million is revealed in the provisional returns to the University Grants Committee.

The improvement includes an additional £7 million on research for overseas customers. But the largest amounts are up to £60 million in work for industry and up to £72 million for medical research and other charities.

Announcing the figures yesterday, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of Universities identified the successful development for payment on a commercial basis of projects which involve research, technology transfer and teaching.

They included work between Durham University and British Gas on a way of monitoring underground pipes for damage, the use of special deep-sea anchors devised by civil engineers at Queen Mary College, London, on North Sea rigs of Britoil, Conoco and Shell.

Kent University has been hired by Eurotunnel to advise on the impact expected when the firm starts burrowing under the Channel.

In the medical field, a partnership between Bradford University and Glaxo has identified a new type of compound that when given together with other powerful anti-cancer agents avoids previous serious side-effects.

Under industrial collaboration, a new biotechnology centre created by the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology is working on methods of encouraging micro-organisms to produce antibiotics, rather than making them by established methods of chemical synthesis.

At Southampton University, work with the Inmos microchip firm is aimed at building a super-computer that is faster than the existing machines but a fraction of the price.

● About 16 people are to be made redundant at the Freshwater Biological Association's HQ on Windermere and others at laboratories in Dorset because of cash flow problems.

The director, Dr Robin Clark, said yesterday: "Because of a decline in the Government's science budget funding, a decrease in income from other sources and probable pay awards in the future, we face a shortfall in income of £400,000.

The association is a research organization working mainly with the help of grants from the National Environment Research Council, to whom it is responsible. Projects being undertaken include the role of bacteria in the freshwater environment, and factors which determine the population of fish in inland lakes, streams and rivers.

Cargo prosecutions likely

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He said : "This is all about legal liability. If pollution were caused by chemicals we should not have been carrying we would have been held responsible, unless we could show that we had been conned. This company always sticks to the regulations. It is not in our interests to do otherwise."

The public prosecutor in charge of the Zeebrugge enquiry appealed yesterday to the public not to touch any chemical drums on beaches as they could contain dangerous poison from the disaster ferry.

Mr Omer Valcke, public prosecutor at the Court of Bruges, sent a telex to beach and local authorities warning of the danger to children after four members of the Belgium Civil Protection Force suffered injuries when a drum containing toluene-isocyanate exploded over them. One man suffered burns to the hands and feet. The others received eye injuries.

Professor Aubin Heyndrickx, of Ghent University, a leading Belgian toxicologist, said the chemical which exploded was from the same group as methyl-isocyanate, the chemical which caused the Bhopal, India, disaster.

He said that the 61 drums of cyanide solution aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise were probably safe if they leaked into the water, unless they came into contact with any acids.

Professor Heyndrikx said: "It is vital that before the Easter holiday we make sure we have proper warnings out to the public and to all the holiday beaches. If children get hold of these drums it would be a catastrophe."

He also warned of dangerous unnamed chemicals contained in a series of black plastic buckets on the ferry. The buckets were closed but not sealed and contained less than five litres of material.

Captain Rod Shaw, assistant harbourmaster at Harwich, Essex, warned yesterday of the dangers of undeclared chemical cargoes.

"We are charged with ensuring the safety of shipping in our areas but we have no way of knowing exactly what cargoes are on board any particular vessel. We are expected to have emergency plans for potential incidents but we don't have any real idea of the kind of materials we might have to deal with", he said.

"There is definitely a loophole in the existing controls and the new regulations are a step in the right direction to close it. At the moment everything is done on trust.

"Under the new regulations everyone in the transport chain, the shippers, berth operators, agents and harbour authorities, will have to be told exactly what is being carried."

Harrods boss 'hurt and angry'

Mohamed Al-Fayed, the self-exiled Egyptian who acquired Harrods and the House of Fraser retail chain for £615 million in 1985, has attacked the decision to refer the deal to Department of Trade and Industry investigators.

Mr Al-Fayed, speaking publicly for the first time since the decision was announced by Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told *The Times*: "Yes I am hurt and angry. Two Cabinet Ministers (Norman Tebbit and Leon Brittan) have each looked into all the facts and were completely satisfied". He added: "It affects the honour of my family name, and will affect the morale of the 27,000 people we employ. I have helped the Government of a country I think of as my home in many ways".

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Nato welcomes arms offer

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always have a nuclear "insurance policy" on European soil.

● LONDON: Mr Gorbachov's offer to eliminate shorter-range missiles within a year was met with pleasure and surprise in London yesterday, instantly followed by the caveat "depending on the price" (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

A deal which would remove Soviet SS 22 and SS 23 missiles – the most threatening in the shorter-range category – would be seen as a significant prize.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will wait to hear Mr Shultz's briefing at today's meeting of the North Atlantic Council before giving his reaction. But if the price proves only to be elimination of the West's Pershing 1A missiles, he is likely to welcome the offer.

The West is not expected to object that such a deal would damage the strategy of flexible response. Before the INF and shorter-range weapons became a significant factor, the West already believed it had a sufficient variety of nuclear forces to make flexible response work.

Entirely different arguments were being talked through in Whitehall yesterday in response to Mr Gorbachov's separate offer to eliminate short-range missiles with a range of under 300 miles. One analyst suggested that the goal should be parity at lower levels.

Government analysts went back to their drawing boards for the fourth time in six weeks yesterday, attempting to keep up with the zig-zag pattern of Mr Gorbachov's proposals.

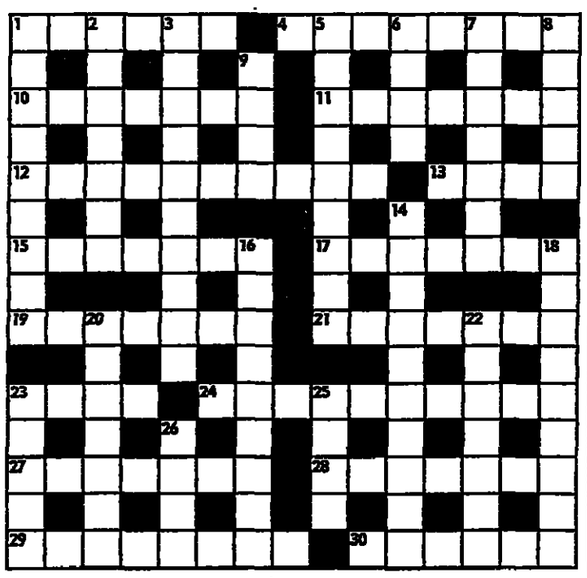
His first principal initiative since the Reykjavik summit came on February 28 when he announced his willingness to negotiate the elimination of INF missiles separately from other weapons. This dropped the linkage with the American Star Wars project which caused the breakdown of the October summit.

On April 9 the Warsaw Pact proposed a freeze for up to two years both on its own military spending and that of Nato.

The following day the Soviet leader, speaking in Prague, offered immediate negotiations on shorter-range and short-range missiles. He also announced that Moscow had stopped making chemical weapons, started building a plant to liquidate them, and hoped for an international treaty during 1987.

His offer on Tuesday to scrap all shorter-range missiles caused considerable confusion in Whitehall, where it was seen as partly contradicting what he had said in Prague. Then he appeared to want to keep such talks entirely separate from an agreement on INF weapons, a position he seemed to reverse when speaking to Mr Shultz.

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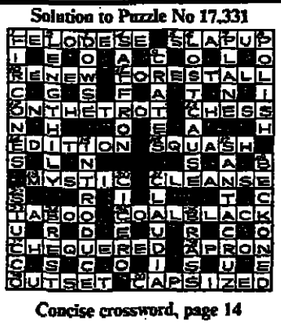
1 Unreliable witness ruins barrister's opening brief (6).
4 One taking advantage of secret passage (8).
10 Curved shape in otherwise round mouthpiece (7).
11 One vehicle or another turning to right (7).
12 Precocious dramatic work easy to perform (6.4).
13 Cross-benches addressed by minister (4).
15 German city's Irish quarter (7).
17 *1 dn's* in a group (2,5).
19 Women replaced on our satellite at one stage (3,4).
21 Corresponding effort for record fibre production (7).
23 Stop to think (4).
24 Broadcasting very little (10).
27 How to score in lively fashion (7).
28 Like MPs at work, perhaps, within organization (2-5).
29 Shrub's flower is taken to king (8).
30 Spotted outside piano, left inside organ (6).

DOWN

1 Nice chap, perhaps (9).
2 With 20, one performing a great number (7).
3 Exploring party dispatch (10).
5 Oft-repeated note about a private chat (4-1-4).
6 Mark raised after strike, producing prosperity (4).
7 How odd for wisest learner to be this! (7).
8 Bowls in place for white roses (5).
9 Furtively look up and down (4).
14 Appeal judge's work (10).
16 Encounter by chance what some answers do (3,6).
18 Keeping vital monarch in terrible revenge (9).
20 Tell, for example, Carroll's old father (7).
22 Left publication for officer in Rome (7).
23 Lead, possibly, from the centre (5).
25 Fine part of something (4).
26 Beautiful blonde (4).

The Easter Prize Jumbo Crossword will appear tomorrow.

Solution to Puzzle No 17,331



Concise crossword, page 14

WEATHER

General situation: High pressure will continue to dominate. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will see rather cloudy weather with a little drizzle slowly being replaced by brighter conditions. Eastern Britain will be generally cloudy but mainly dry with some sunny intervals, especially in the north. Remaining areas of Britain are expected to see variable amounts of cloud, with a fair amount of warm sunshine. On coasts, however, it will probably stay unpleasantly cool, grey and misty for much of the time. Winds will stay light over England while a fresh westerly affects northern Scotland. Outlook for Friday and Saturday: showers spreading from the west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	16	61	Majorca	f	20	68
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Malaga	f	17	63
Alex'dria	s	32	90	Malta	c	16	61
Algiers	f	17	63	Melb'rne	c	16	61
Amst'dam	s	13	55	Mexico C*	c	19	66
Athens	f	18	61	Miami*	c	28	82
Bahrain	s	32	90	Milan	s	16	61
Barbados*	s	30	86	Montreal*	s	13	55
Barcelna	s	17	63	Moscow	c	4	39
Belgrade	t	12	54	Munich	c	10	50
Berlin	c	12	54	Nairobi	c	27	81
Bermuda*	s	22	72	Naples	f	16	61
Biarritz	s	18	64	N Delhi	s	31	88
Borde'x	s	17	63	N York*	s	17	63
Brussels	s	13	55	Nice	s	16	61
Budapst	t	12	54	Oslo	c	5	41
B Aires*	s	20	68	Paris	s	14	57
Cairo	s	33	91	Peking	c	16	61
Cape Tn	f	18	64	Perth	s	27	81
C'blanca	f	22	72	Prague	f	11	52
Chicago*	c	12	54	Reykjvik	c	3	37
Ch'church	f	24	75	Rhodes	r	14	57
Cologne	c	11	52	Rio de J	f	28	82
C'hagn	c	7	45	Riyadh	s	38	100
Corfu	s	17	63	Rome	s	18	64
Dublin	c	14	57	Salzburg	r	8	46
Dubrovnik	f	17	63	S Frisco*	s	16	61
Faro	c	17	63	Santiago*	s	21	70
Florence	c	18	64	Seoul	s	17	63
Frankfurt	c	13	55	Singapor	f	32	90
Funchal	c	20	68	St'kholm	c	7	45
Geneva	s	13	55	Strasb'rg	s	15	59
Gibraltar	c	16	61	Sydney	c	21	70
Helsinki	c	7	45	Tangier	c	17	63
Hong K	c	20	68	Tel aviv	s	26	79
Innsbruck	f	12	54	Tenerife	f	24	75
Istanbul	f	8	46	Tokyo	s	15	59
Jeddah	s	37	99	Toronto*	s	15	59
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Tunis	c	17	63
Karachi	s	34	93	Valencia	s	19	66
L Palmas	f	22	72	Vancouver*	f	13	55
La Tquet	c	9	48	Venice	s	14	57
Lisbon	s	21	70	Vienna	f	11	52
Locarno	s	17	63	Warsaw	c	8	46
L Angels*	s	27	81	Wash'ton*	s	17	63
Luxembg	c	12	54	Wel'mton	c	16	61
Madrid	s	17	63	Zurich	s	12	54

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bridlington	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
Cromer	3.6	.06	11	52	sunny
Lowestoft	6.1	.11	9	48	fog
Clacton	3.6	.01	12	54	sunny
Southend	-	-			
Margate	-	.02	9	48	fog
Folkestone	2.5	.06	12	54	sunny
Hastings	0.9	.03	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	2.0	-	14	57	bright
Brighton	5.4	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	5.1	-	14	57	bright
Littlehmptn	6.0	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	9.1	-	14	57	sunny
Southsea	9.6	-	16	61	sunny
Sandown	-	-			
Shanklin	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	10.4	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	10.6	-	17	63	sunny
Swanage	10.9	-	19	81	sunny
Weymouth	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	9.7	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	-	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.9	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	5.3	.01	16	61	sunny
Guernsey	9.3	-	15	59	fog
Newquay	-	-			
Ilfracombe	-	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	8.0	-	16	61	sunny
B'pool Airpt	5.9	-	14	57	sunny
Morecambe	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Douglas	3.2	-	13	55	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	8.7	-	19	66	sunny
Carlisle	8.6	-	14	57	sunny
London	0.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Manchester	7.8	-	17	63	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	5.6	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	5.4	-	13	55	fog
Cardiff (Cnt)	8.9	-	16	61	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	-			
Tenby	3.3	-	15	59	bright
Aberdeen	0.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.3	-	14	57	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	-			
Glasgow	0.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Kinloss	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Lerwick	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Prestwick	4.8	-	13	55	bright
Stornoway	0.4	-	10	50	dull
Tiree	-	-	11	52	dull
Wick	2.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy

These are Tuesday's figures

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 80 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg LF 45; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 1.00; USA $2.00; Yugoslavia Din 600.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.56	7.3	4.21	7.3
Aberdeen	3.26	4.1	3.37	4.3
Avonmouth	9.29	13.4	9.50	13.2
Belfast	12.53	3.2	1.18	3.4
Cardiff	9.14	12.3	9.35	12.1
Devonport	8.07	5.5	8.27	5.4
Dover	12.53	6.6	1.11	6.5
Falmouth	7.37	5.3	7.57	5.2
Glasgow	2.59	4.6	3.04	4.9
Harwich	1.57	4.0	2.21	4.0
Holyhead	12.12	5.6	12.30	5.8
Hull	8.33	7.4	8.47	7.4
Ilfracombe	6.13	9.3	6.33	9.2
Leith	4.40	5.5	5.01	5.6
Liverpool	1.14	9.5	1.31	9.5
Lowestoft	11.52	2.3	—	—
Margate	1.50	4.9	2.23	4.8
Milford Haven	8.27	7.2	7.35	7.1
Newquay	7.17	7.2	7.35	7.1
Oban	7.47	4.1	8.12	4.0
Penzance	7.08	5.6	7.28	5.5
Portland	9.17	2.1	9.43	2.1
Portsmouth	1.26	4.7	1.48	4.6
Shoreham	1.11	6.3	1.32	6.2
Southampton	12.52	4.6	1.09	4.5
Swansea	8.33	9.7	8.51	9.6
Tees	5.48	5.4	6.05	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	1.49	4.3	2.13	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.22
Austria Sch	21.55	20.45
Belgium Fr	69.75	66.35
Canada $	2.225	2.125
Denmark Kr	11.55	10.95
Finland Mkk	7.59	7.09
France Fr	10.14	9.64
Germany Dm	3.06	2.90
Greece Dr	219	208
Hong Kong $	13.15	12.47
Ireland Pt	1.148	1.085
Italy Lire	2175	2065
Japan Yen	243	229
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.27
Norway Kr	11.45	10.85
Portugal Esc	234	224
South Africa Rd	4.45	3.65
Spain Pta	212.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	10.67	10.12
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.39
USA $	1.70	1.62
Yugoslavia Dnr	1050	950

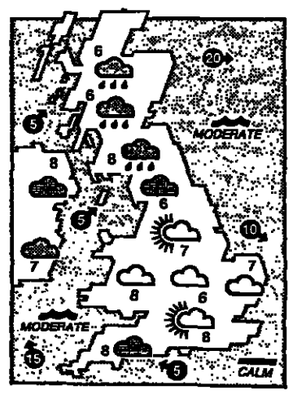
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Retail Price Index: 100.4

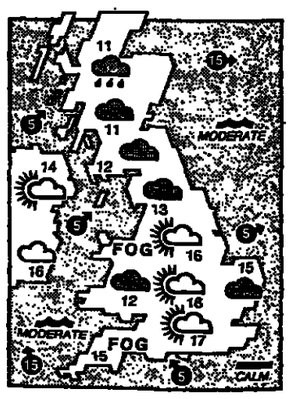
London: The *FT* index closed up 8.4 at 1515.1.

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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.28 pm to 5.32 am
Bristol 8.38 pm to 5.42 am
Edinburgh 8.50 pm to 5.34 am
Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.35 am
Penzance 8.47 pm to 5.56 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am,7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

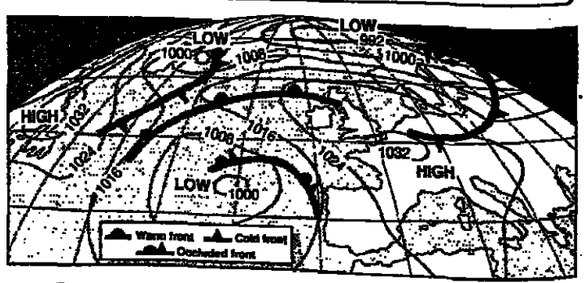
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	12	54	Guernsey	s	12	54
B'mghma	c	14	57	Inverness	f	12	54
Blackpool	c	10	50	Jersey	c	11	52
Bristol	c	14	57	London	s	16	61
Cardiff	c	13	55	M'nchester	c	13	55
Edinburgh	c	12	54	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	c	11	52	R'nldsway	f	13	55

Sun rises: 6.04 am — Sun sets: 7.58 pm
Moon sets 6.42 am — Moon rises 11.49 pm
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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am,6C (43F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, traca. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.0hr.

NOON TODAY



Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1515.1 (+8.4)

FT-SE 100
1922.2 (+13.3)

Bargains
34700 (45627)

USM (Datastream)
162.58 (+0.63)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6340 (+0.0035)

W German mark
2.9510 (+0.0128)

Trade-weighted
72.1 (+0.1)

Jobless heads below 3m

Latest figures add to pressure for early poll

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The unemployment total fell last month, its eighth successive monthly decline. Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, predicted that the jobless total would fall below three million over the next two months.

The sustained fall in unemployment and the prospect of an early fall below the symbolic three million level, will add to the pressure on the Prime Minister to call a June general election.

With the Government strongly ahead in the opinion polls and news on both unemployment and inflation set fair until the summer, the argument for an early poll has strengthened.

Mrs Thatcher will have both the April unemployment figures and the May 7 local election results at her disposal before she has to decide on a June election date.

A June 18 election would capture both the drop in unemployment below three million and an expected drop in the inflation rate below the 3.7 per cent recorded just before the June 1983, election.

The unemployment total dropped by 82,439 last month to 3,143,370, or 11.4 per cent of the working population. This was the biggest March fall since the current claimant count figures began in 1971.

The more representative adult total, seasonally adjusted, fell by 30,100 to 3,042,900 – 11 per cent of the working population. Over the past six months this total has shown an average monthly fall of 25,000.

"We have now seen a drop of 180,000 since last July to the lowest level for two-and-a-half years," Lord Young said. "I have no doubt this downward trend is set to continue."

He predicted the May unemployment figures, to be published on June 18, would show a fall below three million, as long as industrial action in benefit offices does not affect the figures.

The fall over the latest six months was the biggest since 1973 and was explained both by the "export-led boom," the expansion of the Government's special measures and by the Restart programme, Lord Young said.

"We're probably seeing as buoyant a time in manufacturing employment as we've had for a long time."

But he conceded that, with the effects of the Government's Restart programme on the unemployment figures impossible to assess, he was not able to say how much, if any, of the jobless fall was due to the stronger performance of the economy.

Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman, said the unemployment figures were "the Government's attempt to deceive both the unemployed and the electorate.

"The figures present a shamefully distorted picture. The reduction over the past seven months is due almost entirely to the increase in Government special employment measures."

Mr Prescott added that the true level of unemployment was more than five million, a view contrasting sharply with that of Lord Young who said the unemployment figures overstated real jobless numbers.



Furniture to market: (from left) Moseley, Rigby, Currie and Leith, of the Alan Cooper group

GEC and Philips plan £1.2bn medical empire

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The General Electric Company (GEC), of which Lord Weinstock is operational chairman, is expected to sign a partnership deal with Philips, the Dutch electrical and electronics group, within the next 24 hours.

This will create the world's largest medical electronics company.

GEC is expected to use some of its £1.6 billion cash mountain to pour more than £61 million into the combined operation which will put together the GEC subsidiary, the United States-based Picker International, and Philips Medical Systems.

GEC will inject the cash because Picker has sales of only about half those of Philips.

The combined sales of the new operation are likely to approach £1.22 billion, covering a range of medical diagnostic equipment particularly the high technology imaging machinery.

The new partnership, reflecting the pressures for global co-operation as the only really effective route to compete successfully in international markets, will push ahead of General Electric of the United States in size. Until now it has been the market leader.

GEC and Philips in this deal will crucially be able to throw greater weight behind development of the latest products in the field like the nuclear magnetic resonance machines (NMRs) which, in body scanning, are starting to supercede computerized tomography

Both Picker and Philips have developed NMR machines. GEC's work on this being largely centred at Wembley in the London suburbs.

Picker, based in Ohio, also has production facilities in other countries, including West Germany and Canada.

GEC turnover in medical electronics last year was £420 million, yielding a pretax profit of £22 million.

Philips's substantially bigger operation includes production in a number of countries including Britain, where in Crawley work is centred on the Philips linear accelerators used in cancer treatment.

If as expected the deal covers all the medical interests of the two companies the partnership operation will have a workforce of about 17,000.

Furniture firm comes to market

By Ray Heath

The directors of the furniture group, Alan Cooper, of Todmorden, West Yorkshire, yesterday travelled down to London to celebrate the placing of shares in the company.

The 130p tag on the 3,413,000 shares placed by Barclays de Zoete Wedd values the company at more than £13 million. Alan Cooper – once part of John Swire, the Far Eastern Hong, until a management buy-out led by the chairman, Mr James Blyth Currie in 1983 – specializes in systems office furniture. Profits were £1.554 million in the year to end-December.

With Mr Currie yesterday were his directors Mr Andrew Moseley, Mr David Rigby, and Mr John Leith.

Laporte ahead by 15%

Profits growth at Laporte Industries, the chemicals group, picked up in the second half of the year after a sluggish start. Profannounced yesterday were £64.2 million, 15 per cent higher than in 1985. The dividend goes up to 6.45p from 5.05p.

There were increased contributions from almost all the Laporte operations. Profits from the Interox companies continued to improve with good performances from Brazil and Europe.

There was an extraordinary credit of £5.3 million relating to an insurance claim. Net cash including short term bank guaranteeed investments increased to £18.8 million. Capital expenditure totalled £22.5 million and acquisitons a further £7.6 million.

Pearl shines

Pearl Group is paying a final dividend of 7p, making 10.5p for 1986, after reporting pretax profit of £38.8 million, up from £28.5 million, and aftertax profit of £25.3 million, up from £16.8 million.

Boots buy

Boots, Britain's second biggest optical retailer, is buying the Curry & Paxton chain of 45 optical practices, bringing its total of optical outlets to 240.

Co-op plan

The Co-operative Bank is planning to expand its branch network, including banking facilities inside shops as well as high street branches, with further concentration on key business areas

Labour costs slow down

By Our Economics Correspondent

The growth in industry's unit labour costs has slowed sharply this year, according to new figures published yesterday.

The Department of Employment announced that wages and salaries per unit of output in manufacturing in February were only 1 per cent up on a year earlier. The slowdown, from increases of more than 8 per cent a year at the beginning of 1986, was due to stronger output.

In the three months to February, unit wage costs in manufacturing were 1.8 per cent up on a year earlier, the smallest rise since June 1984.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday emphasized the importance of the slower growth in unit labour costs.

"I'm not concerned about wages, I'm concerned about unit wage costs," he said. "I want this to be a high wage society, not a low wage society."

Mr Giles Keating, economist at Credit Suisse First Boston, said the 1 per cent rise in unit wage costs to February was not an aberration and predicted that annual rises of this magnitude would continue.

The improved picture for unit labour costs in manufacturing reflects the upward revision of output figures, announced on Tuesday. Recorded levels of manufacturing output between October and January were revised up by 1.5 per cent.

Measured across the whole economy, rather than just manufacturing, the unit labour costs' position was less satisfactory. In the fourth quarter of last year – the latest figures – growth in unit wage and salary costs accelerated to 5.2 per cent, from 4.3 per cent in the third quarter.

Average earnings in the 12 months to February were up by 7.4 per cent.

Pressure eases on dollar

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The dollar recovered yesterday as Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, reaffirmed his support for the Paris currency accord.

Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, and Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank president, also declared their determination to preserve the current pattern of exchange rates.

Reports from Tokyo suggested that the Bank of Japan was attempting to open up yen swap deals with other central banks to support the dollar.

The dollar was also helped by official guidance from Washington that the $15.1 billion February US trade deficit, announced on Wednesday, overstated the true size of the America's trade gap.

But the mood remained nervous, and the dollar closed in Europe well below the day's highs. After climbing well above Y142 during the day, it closed at Y141.60, compared with Y141.05 at the previous close.

Against the mark, the dollar gained nearly half a pfennig to DM1.8060, having traded for much of the day above DM1.81. Sterling rose by 35 points to $1.6340.

Dealers said that the dollar was likely to come under further pressure, particularly around the key DM1.80 level against the mark, although this was likely to come after the Easter holiday.

Mr Baker reaffirmed his support for the G7 currency accord at a private breakfast meeting with businessmen in Washington, US Treasury officials said.

Land Securities raises £200m

By Colin Campbell

Land Securities, Britain's largest property company, with a portfolio now estimated to be worth nearly £3 billion, yesterday raised £200 million via a debenture stock issue to help finance a new phase of its expansion programme.

The debenture issue, the largest yet seen in the market, was arranged by J Henry Schroder Wagg, and brings to £600 million the amount raised by Land Securities through the medium of fixed rate instruments in the past two years.

The gross redemption, fixed in relation to the 13.5 per cent Treasury Stock 2004, is 9.986 per cent. The debenture is secured by a portfolio of West End, City and other properties in Britain which have an estimated open market value of £671.3 million, of which 90.2 per cent are freeholds.

Land Securities said yesterday that 20 of the properties used as security had shown an overall increase in value of 13.5 per cent in a year and that an updated valuation on all group properties would be included in the announcement, due in May, of results for the year ended in March.

In that period, Land Securities spent £175 million on acquisitons and developments. As at March 31, 1987, capital commitments and board authorizations totalled £340 million.

Property developments recently announced by the company include the purchase of the leasehold interest at 158-170 Aldersgate, where a £90 million office complex is planned and the joint development of Princes Quay, Hull, to provide a 238,000 sq ft shopping centre and leisure complex.

The £200 million debenture issue illustrates that there are lots of opportunities within the property market, and the preference for a fixed rate instrument suggests shareholders will not be called on for funds, analysts said

Profits at Hawker down 5%

By Carol Ferguson

Pretax profits at the Hawker Siddeley Group dipped 5 per cent to £152 million last year, but the dividend is being raised by 2p to 12p.

The company blamed low oil prices and adverse currency movements for the poor performance. Turnover rose by 1 per cent to £1.6 billion.

There was an 8 per cent profit growth in the electrical businesses, which comprise 58 per cent of profits. The United States and Australia did especially well, showing a 20 per cent improvement after currency changes.

Mr Bob Bensly, the chief executive, explained that adverse currency movements reduced profits by £9 million.

Hawker also revealed that it had spent £120 million on acquisitions. Only £17 million was spent in Britain, with the rest in the US.

The company is to divest itself of its Trenton plant in Canada, where it lost $7 million (£4 million) last year. It is also withdrawing from the manufacture of the "L" diesel range in the US, where it has been involved through Onan, its 37 per cent-owned subsidiary.

These two items together gave rise to an extraordinary charge of £22 million.

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CBI warning over action on Japan

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday set its face firmly against the imposition of trade sanctions against the Japanese, with a warning that retaliation would lead to serious disruption of world trade.

Mr John Banham, CBI director general, said there was real fear that any measures by the United States to try to force the Japanese into opening their home market further to imports would escalate tension rapidly.

At the monthly meeting of the CBI council yesterday, senior industrialists expressed growing disquiet at the possibility of an all-out trade war and the adverse impact on Britain's exports. Import restrictions by the US would be certain to cripple British and European exports.



John Banham: world trade disruption feared

Earlier this week, Mr Banham and other industry leaders from companies such as Grand Metropolitan, BP and BAT Industries, told Mr Dan Rostenkowski, head of the House of Representatives ways and means committee, and other US Congressmen visiting Europe that Anglo-US trade could be severely damaged.

Mr Banham said yesterday: "It seems clear that Congress is determined to ensure fair access to the Japanese market and they clearly want to avoid protectionist legislation."

While supporting the Cable & Wireless case to gain greater access to the Japanese telecommunications sector, the CBI leader also stressed that its members had $40 billion of assets in the US and there were $130 billion of US investments in Britain.

The Americans told the CBI this week that Britain was not in any way a target and they were more than willing to work with Europe for pressure against Japanese barriers.

Meanwhile, the CBI yesterday reported that the country's high streets are set for a bumper Easter after a disappointing start to the year

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Ex-Guinness Mahon men to head £100m operation

B&C plans mini-merchant bank

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

British & Commonwealth Shipping, the investment holding company, yesterday announced its intention to set up a full-scale investment banking business backed by capital of £100 million. The new operation will be run by Mr Bruce Ursell, who abruptly resigned as managing director of Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, and Mr Malcolm Wilde, the director of Guinness Mahon's banking division.

B&C, which has followed a rapid course of restructuring and expansion after the appointment last year of Mr John Gunn as chief executive, plans to build an investment bank specializing in capital markets. Mr Peter Goldie, a joint managing director, said the new bank would not be involved in securities or Big Bang related business.

The operation will be based on Cayzer Ltd, a small licensed deposit-taker already owned by B&C. It will become part of a separate division of the group which will also include stockbroking and insurance broking operations it already owns. The business will concentrate on syndicated lending to governments and large corporations as well as smaller companies and development opportunities. Corporate finance may be added at a later date, Mr Goldie said.

The £100 million capital injection, which will make the new operation larger than many existing merchant banks, will take place over several months or years. There will be an immediate injection of £20 to £25 million from B&C resources to add to Cayzer's existing capital of £13 million.

Mr Goldie added that B&C had decided against buying a merchant bank because of the huge amounts of goodwill involved in such purchases. It was not going into the securities business because that required huge amounts of capital which the group did not want to commit

The resignations of Mr Ursell and Mr Wilde came as a surprise, said Mr John Sclater, the chairman of Guinness Mahon. He added that he was not aware that personality clashes had contributed to their departure.

However, it is believed that Mr Ursell had found it increasingly difficult to work with Mr Alastair Morton, the chairman of Guinness Peat, which owns the merchant bank. Mr Ursell had wanted wider responsibilities after a decision last month by the group to raise more capital for Guinness Mahon.

The two men had known about B&C's plans and approached the group themselves. Mr Goldie said they would form the nucleus of a team of about 12 people in the bank.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2257.24 (+4.26)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	23510.69 (–13.39)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2693.62 (+25.27)
Amsterdam: Gen	281.8 (–1.8)
Sydney: AO	1764.7 (–15.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1808.9 (+38.8)
Brussels:	
General	4506.41 (–46.44)
Paris: CAC	446.3 (+1.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	531.1 (–3.0)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	89.89 (+0.43)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9⅞–9 27/32%
3-month eligible bills: 9 29/32–9 27/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.76-5.75%*
30-year bonds 90⅝–90 15/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6340	£: $1.6335*
£: DM2.9510	$: DM1.8060*
£: SwFr2.4322	$: SwFr1.4880*
£: FFr9.8171	$: FFr6.0065*
£: Yen231.37	$: Yen141.65*
£: Index:72.1	$: Index:100.7
ECU £0.704760	SDR £0.795653

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Nat West Bank	568p (+28p)
BP	868p (+20p)
BPB Inds.	652p (+32p)
Baldwin	165p (+30p)
Taylor Woodrow	349p (+17p)
Smiths Inds.	301p (+11p)
Vickers	485p (+20p)
Elect. Machine	98p (+12p)
Vaux Group	574p (+14p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	416p (+17p)
St. Ives	623p (+28p)
Octopus	730p (+32p)
Redfearn	542p (+27p)
Wellcome	425p (+18p)
Axis Europe	293p (+16p)
FALLS:	
Royal Insurance	888p (–13p)
Costain Group	520p (–11p)
Eucalyptus	1350p (–260p)
Wigfalls	153p (–20p)
Extel	449p (–14p)

Prices are as at 4pm

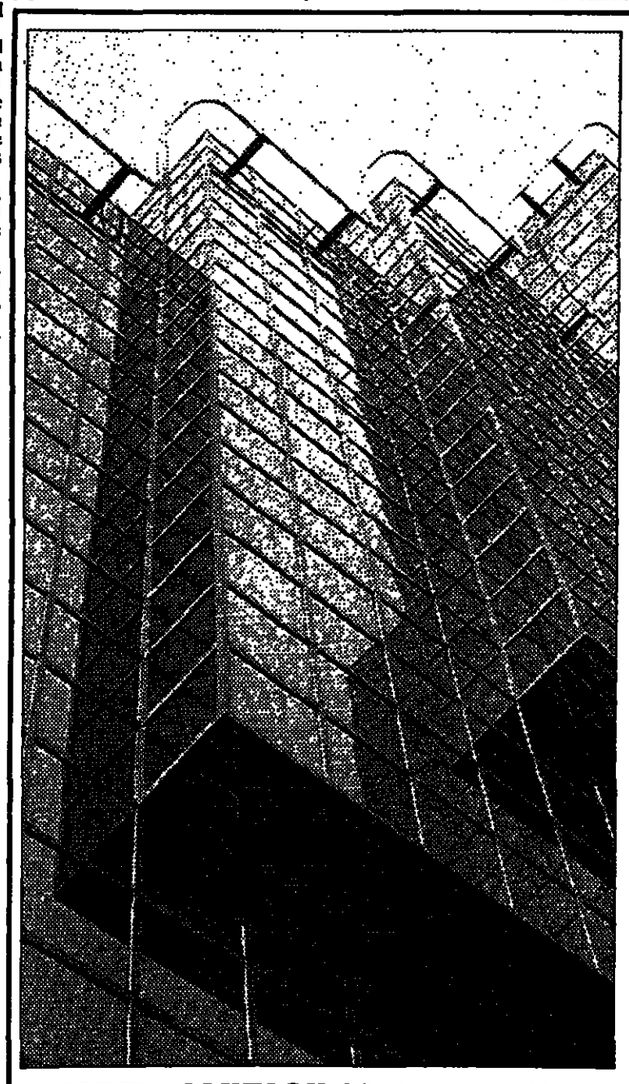
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London Fixing:
AM $445.50 pm-$444.10
close $443.50-444.00 (£272.00-272.50)
New York:
Comex $444.00-444.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $17.65 bbl($17.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Coca-Cola lifts profits to $185.4 million

Coca-Cola said strong first quarter results continued the growth momentum from 1986 in market share, unit volume and earnings. It said first quarter operating income benefited from a world-wide increase in soft drinks volume of 10 per cent, higher results in the company's entertainment business and the decline in the American dollar.

The company said earnings for the first quarter rose to $185.4 million (£113.74 million)from $161.2 million for the same period last year. Coca-Cola said its operating income, before tax and other charges, rose by 27 per cent to $324.1 million from $255.4 million. It said its operating income for its entertainment business sector increased strongly on the continuing success of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy," produced by Merv Griffin Enterprises, which Coca-Cola acquired last year.

Matsushita's £870m offer

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co said it is offering in the Japanese capital markets Y200 billion (£870 million) of unsecured convertible debentures due 1996, with a 1.4 per cent coupon and par pricing. They are convertible into common stock from June 1, 1987, to September 27, 1996, at Y1,533 (£6.67) a share.

ACLI Metals wins reprieve

ACLI Metals (London), a former London Metal Exchange trader, has won a 28-day reprieve in the High Court against a winding up petition filed by Metall und Rohstoff, a Swiss subsidiary of Associated Metals & Minerals Incorporated, the US metal broker. It filed the petition, claiming more than £43 million.

US output falls 0.3%

Industrial production in the US fell 0.3 per cent in March after a 0.5 per cent rise in February, according to the Federal Reserve Board. The March decline reflected widespread reductions in output. Production of durable consumer goods fell because of a cutback in car assembly operations and a further reduction in home goods, including appliances.

Manufacturing output fell 0.2 per cent in March after a 0.6 per cent rise in February and included a 0.1 per cent decline in durables and a 0.3 per cent fall in nondurables. Manufacturing was 3.3 per cent above the level a year ago.

Scrip issue at Albert Fisher



Mr Tony Millar (right) the chairman of the food distribution group Albert Fisher is doubling the interim dividend to 1p a share, giving a one-for-two scrip issue, and forecasting a 1.25p final to double the annual total dividend to 2.25p a share. The profits have more than doubled from £3.22 million to £7.06 million for six months to February 28, on turnover of £101.3 million (£51 million).

Flagship for Wheway

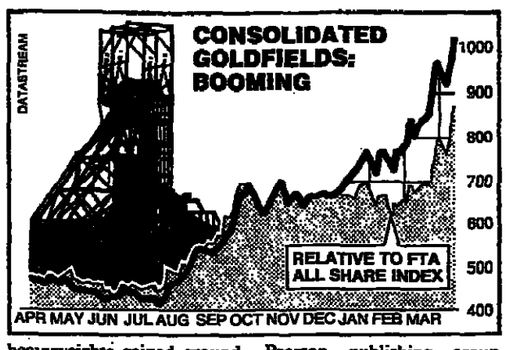
Wheway is to buy Wright Air Conditioning, which will become the flagship of Wheway's new environmental division, for £5 million. The purchase price, to be paid to Mr George Wright and others, will be met through the issue of just under 16 million shares, of which 1.27 million will be retained by Wheway.

Wright Air Conditioning reported pretax profits of £652,000 on turnover of £16.39 million. Net tangible assets on December 31 were £1.67 million. The company is continuing to expand in Britain and overseas.

STOCK MARKET

Wall St rally helps shares to recover

By Cliff Feltham



Shares shrugged off the setback of the last few sessions to stage a firm recovery yesterday, as dealers decided some of the heavy falls had been overdone.

The mood was helped by an early rally on Wall Street and encouraged by the improved dollar, benefiting from the central bank intervention. Another opinion poll, pointing to a Conservative victory in a general election, gave the markets a pre-Easter boost with most sectors showing useful gains.

Even if the best advances of the day were not maintained, the FT-SE 100 share index still closed 13.3 points higher at 1,922.2. The narrow gauge of the market's progress, the FT 30 share index, ended the day 8.4 points better at 1,515.1.

Gilts turned down, however, as the dollar encountered some renewed pressure at the end of the day and gains of £¾ were replaced by falls of up to £⅝.

Among leading shares, Glaxo advanced to 1,427p, up 12p, on further reflection of the figures, while Beecham gained 9p at 489p. The other member of the heavyweight club, Wellcome, moved smartly ahead, to finish at 424p, a rise of 17p.

Oils were back in favour, with BP adding 16p to 465p and Ultramar moving ahead to 222p, an 8p improvement.

Guinness, ahead of figures next week, was 2p easier at 320p with turnover in the shares down on the previous day when 12 million changed hands, an estimated four million going to Drexel Burnham Lambert, the US securities house. Dealers say professional investors are staking a claim in case of an eventual break-up of the group.

Some analysts are now forecasting that Williams Holdings' bid for Norcros will fail. Norcros was 6p better yesterday, at 400p, level pegging with Williams' cash offer.

Market men were still banking on a bid for Bejam, the freezer chain. This is spite of denials earlier this week by Mr John Apthorp, the chairman, that he has spotted no sign of predators. The shares edged up by a further 4p to 174p. The talk is that a bid of about 210p a share could be decisive.

Elsewhere, the sector's heavyweights gained ground. Argyll rose by 3p to 402p, J Sainsbury was good for a 9p rise to 470p, while Tesco was 6p ahead at one time, before settling for a 5p improvement at 479p.

Helene of London, the fashion house, bounced up by 7p on improved profit performance, but profit-taking nipped the advance back and the shares settled for a 1p rise at 38p.

Bid talk still persists, but yesterday, Mr Maurice Hope, who once ran the R&J Pullman business and whose name has been linked with Helene, said: "I did look at it about a year ago, but changed my mind. I have no interest in it at all."

● Tilbury, the construction group, will be no pushover if Raine Industries decides to use its 23 per cent stake to stage a takeover attempt. Brokers are pencilling in Tilbury profits for this year of £6.5 million, up from £5.2 million. The shares were 2p firmer yesterday at 292p.

Extel, the news information group, was back on the rack yesterday after Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, who called off bid plans, put his 26 per cent shareholding up for tender at a minimum price of 420p, indicating that he was looking for a single buyer. The market view is that a lone purchaser would have only one intention — to use the stake as a platform for a full-scale bid.

The shares, which have been up to 558p, came back 14p to 449p and are likely to remain volatile until Mr Maxwell's holding finds a home — or homes. One likely buyer of the stake could be the Pearson publishing group, according to some sources.

In electronics, Ferranti held up well, losing just 1p at 108p, despite a report from Wood Mackenzie, the broker, suggesting that it could be the main casualty from a cut-back in defence spending in the current year. GEC failed to hold a small improvement and finished at an unchanged 193p, while Racal also lost ground, finishing 4p down at 214p. International Signal & Control, backed by a strong order book, went 6p better at 260p.

Filofax, a market newcomer, was still showing its paces and put on another 3p to 163p — a 43p premium on the placing price.

Chrysalis announced the purchase of a television production company which, depending on future profits, could cost up to £3 million. The shares were unchanged at 257p.

Consolidated Gold Fields took a breather after the hectic climb which has brought the shares up from a low of 414p last July to a peak of 1,020p, before profit-taking yesterday clipped them back by 11p to 1,009p.

The most recent spurt has been encouraged by the run in the gold price and growing recognition of its expanding bullion interests, notably outside South Africa. In addition, the company spent some time in the sights of the American Barrick Resources group, which has, however, recently trimmed its stake.

This should be the year of higher profits for ConsGold and a rise in the dividend, which has been stuck at 24.5p a share since 1981. Analysts believe a firm gold price can only help to underpin the shares.

TEMPUS

Exchange rates gnaw at Hawker's profits

With quiet determination, Hawker Siddeley has been spending a fortune on acquisitions. Last year it spent £120 million on a range of electrical companies the length and breadth of America.

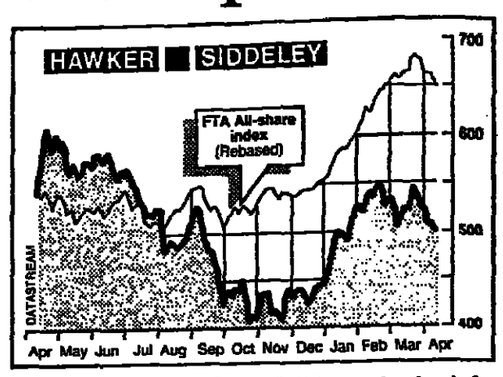
The group has paid cash, raising $160 million (£98.16 million) of dollar-denominated debt which will help to insulate it from the worst effects of a weakening dollar. Nevertheless, the group is critically exposed to currency movements.

Currency was a big negative factor last year, as yesterday's preliminary release showed. Pretax profits fell 5 per cent to £152 million, on turnover up 1 per cent to £1.6 billion.

Apart from currency movements, which cost profits £9 million in 1986, Hawker blames the weak performance on the drop in the oil price at the end of 1985 which cost it another £9 million.

Any benefits of lower oil prices to manufacturers generally failed to offset the loss of markets in oil-producing countries, as was originally hoped. Shareholders' funds also declined for the second year running, due to £88 million of goodwill on acquisitions.

This year, profits will benefit by about $10 million (£6.13 million) due to the elimination of losses in Canada and the US. In addition, the new acquisitions will make a full year's contribution — they added £6 million to last year's results after financing costs.



Add some cost cutting and efficiency gains and the group should make £165 million pretax this year. But exchange rates can materially impact the figures, and a continuing weak dollar will hit profits.

The 10 times multiple and 5.2 per cent yield will limit the downside risk but the market is unlikely to become excited by the prospects and the shares are likely to drift.

Avana/RHM

Avana shareholders who are poised to accept the bid from Ranks Hovis McDougall should hold their pens, even though RHM appears close to victory.

In bald price terms, RHM's offer of 800p cash, or 806p in shares, looks generous against an Avana share price of 463p on the day before RHM launched its first bid in February. Even Dr John Randall, Avana's feisty chairman, admits that if RHM loses, the price could drop by 50p.

So, is there any choice but to accept before the bid expires at one o'clock tomorrow? Taking the long-term view, the answer is "yes." Avana offers exposure to a high-margin specialist market, has excellent customers and has invested strongly in building up its niche.

It is precisely the type of company that will respond best as an independent. Dr Randall has proved that he can make shareholders' assets work spectacularly.

Avana's recent disappointing results can be genuinely attributed to consolidation and it deserves the chance to enjoy the benefits of that programme. Not accepting the bid is certainly a risk, but one worth taking.

Avis Europe powering upwards

Avis Europe really did try hard in its first year as a quoted company, beating its prospectus forecasts on both the revenue and the profits front. And with spring in the air, tourists coming back into Europe, and cost efficiencies coming through to the profits line, it looks like being an even better 1988 with profits of more than £40 million possible.

While prospectus forecasts are made to be beaten, the actual outcome with revenue at £235 million against a forecast £225 million, and pretax profits of £34.1 million, up 34 per cent on the year and compared with a forecast of not less than £33 million, saw the shares move into top gear yesterday, rising by 15p to 292p.

Avis had an uncertain stock market debut having been offered at 250p only to open at a discount. But, if growth is here to stay, and the uncertainty over whether to rate Avis as a financial group or a motor share is something of the past, the shares should stay on firmer ground.

In February, the group acquired the outstanding two-thirds stake in the Portuguese joint venture operation, which should have a decided impact on this year's profits, and has recently introduced a range of new services to consolidate its lead in the rental-leasing market. The fleet increased by 34 per cent last year, and further strong advances on the leasing and rental fronts are likely.

Leasing looks like being the main area of growth this year. Now that the Euromarkets have been successfully tested with the DM100 million (£34.1 million) bond issue arranged in February, further financial exercises cannot be ruled out. However, even with gearing of 70 per cent, which in seasonal times can run well over the 200 per cent level, Avis says there is no need to increase its equity base.



The Trocadero has 50,000 square feet of undeveloped space. The occupied units currently yield a rental income of £1,850,000. The property comes to the market, freehold, from 27 April, 1987. Details will be available on that date from Debenham Tewson and Chinnocks.

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Maxwell to sell 26% Extel stake by tender for £56m

By Our City Staff

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, is selling his 26 per cent stake in Extel, the news agency, printing and publishing group, in a tender offer at a minimum price of 420p a share. The sale will raise more than £56 million.

This month, Mr Maxwell announced he would be selling his entire holding in Extel – just more than 27 per cent – rather than launching a full bid for the company. Most of the stake is held by Mr Maxwell's Pergamon Media Trust, which is making the tender offer.

Mr Maxwell had been expected to bid for Extel once a Takeover Panel restriction lapsed at the end of this month. The speculation boosted the shares to a high of 565p at one point. His decision to sell sent them below 490p. Yesterday, they edged further back to 454p, down 9p on the day.

Mr Maxwell's decision to sell out at considerably lower than market value has prompted speculation that he may try to find another possible predator interested in buying his whole stake and then launching its own bid.

If a bid were successful, this would leave him clear to buy up any parts of the Extel group he wanted from its new owner. Mr Maxwell is thought to be particularly interested in the printing and publishing side.

The sale of Mr Maxwell's Extel shares is part of a recent burst of corporate activity which is remarkable even by Mr Maxwell's standards. During the past two weeks he has raised at least £175 million through sales of assets and also announced substantial moves to expand

Last week Pergamon, Mr Maxwell's privately-controlled master company, sold 30 million shares in the British Printing and Communications Corporation, which is controlled by Pergamon. A further 10.5 million shares in Hollis, Mr Maxwell's quoted engineering company, which he plans to build into a substantial high technology and research-based concern, were also sold.

A few days later, Pergamon disposed of 8.5 million shares in the Arlington Securities property group, raising another £20 million.

So far no specific homes have been earmarked for the funds raised through these sell-offs. But in general terms, Maxwell spokesmen have indicated the aim is to diversify into electronic media, cable and satellite television

The most recent corporate move came last Friday when the Maxwell Communication Corporation, a subsidiary of BPCC, announced it had agreed to buy the printing assets of Diversified Printing Corporation, a subsidiary of Parade, the world's largest magazine publisher. The agreement in principle included a long-term printing contract worth more than $1 billion.



Robert Maxwell: may want to repurchase parts of group

Smiths rises 11% to £25.2m

By John Bell
City Editor

Smiths Industries, the aerospace, marine and medical equipment concern, yesterday produced better-than-expected half-time profits of £25.2 million.

The 11 per cent rise, together with a confident statement from the board, lifted Smiths' share price from 290p to 302p.

"The results reaffirm the board's confidence in the company's profits growth for the rest of this year and beyond," said the statement.

Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 2p compared with 1.75p last time.

Earnings per share were 7.9p against 6.5p previously.

Over the past few years the group has been moving its business away from cyclical and commodity operations, such as automotive components and distribution, into more rapidly growing areas of long-term potential.

During the half-year to end January, the aerospace and defence activities were star performers, with profits rising 33 per cent to £11.7 million.

Both in Britain and the US these operations continued to make excellent progress, said the company, benefiting from a high level of research and development expenditure, which would be maintained.

The medical division has shown rapid and consistent growth lately.

Profits of £7.907 million were 15.2 per cent higher overall.

In Britain, the medical activities achieved record profits in home and export markets.

In the United States, the medical operations met strong competition and have been spending heavily on developing markets. But results were nevertheless satisfactory, said Smiths Industries.

Profits from the industrial group were almost £800,000 lower at £4.217 million, after the disposal of Integrated Air Systems and a sale of two other companies via management buy-outs.

The remaining businesses within the industrial group had mixed fortunes.

But there were encouraging signs of recovery in a number of industries served by the division.

In Australia, where profits were £100,000 lower at £1.4 million, the subsidiaries had benefited from the depreciation of the Australian dollar.

The recent good results there had been maintained, said the board.

COMMENT

The economy decides it's spring

Suddenly, it is spring. Unemployment is falling at a rate that will see it brush through the three million level by June; manufacturing productivity was up by nearly 7 per cent in a year, unit labour costs up by just 1 per cent and factory output up by nearly 4 per cent on a year ago.

Even the cyclical indicators for the economy, hidden away among the cogs and wheels of the Government's statistical machine for so long, appear to confirm the rosy picture.

We are in a period when virtually every official statistic comes up better than outside analysts expected. At such a time, it is easy to be carried away and so let us gently place our feet back on the ground. Firstly, yesterday's labour-market statistics. The 30,100 drop in adult unemployment last month, provided further confirmation of the downward trend begun last summer. The drop over the past six months is the best for 14 years.

But now, as was predicted, the Government is suffering the penalty of earlier tinkering with the unemployment statistics and has become a victim of its own success with the Restart scheme. Thus, the Employment Institute says that four-fifths on the present 25,000-a-month fall in the adult unemployment total is due to Restart, tougher availability for work tests and expansion of job-creation measures.

Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, made a rare appearance at the official briefing on the figures yesterday, but failed to clear the fog surrounding the unemployment statistics. Opposition politicians who estimated the effect of Restart on the unemployment figures were talking through their hats, he said, because such effects were impossible to quantify. The problem with this was that, by the same token, his own assertion that unemployment was falling because of stronger economic growth was open to question.

The latest manufacturing figures, which formed the basis for both the dramatic upturn in productivity and the slowdown in unit labour costs, also need to be taken with a small quantity of salt. The revisions to the data at the end of last year, pushing up output by around 1.5 per cent, were not typical. Indeed, the official statisticians have introduced special adjustments into the figures to prevent this from happening.

Manufacturing output is rising at a healthy 3 to 4 per cent rate, but not at the 2.5 per cent a quarter suggested by the rise between the third and fourth quarters. Thus, both the 6.9 per cent rise in manufacturing productivity and the low 1 per cent increase in unit labour costs in the 12 months to February were somewhat special.

There is certainly growth in the economy. We do not know yet how much of this is a one-off response to sterling's lower level and how much it will be sustainable. But the longer it continues, the more that the fall in unemployment can be taken to be genuine.

McKechnie hits record at half-time

By Carol Ferguson

McKechnie, the West Midlands engineer which successfully fought off unwelcome bids from Newman Tonks and Evered last year, announced record results at the half-year stage.

Not only were all the figures at record levels – turnover, pretax profit and earnings per share – but the good performance extended across all geographical and product areas.

Dr Jim Butler, the chairman, while commenting on the results, said: "The predators who attacked us last year were right in thinking McKechnie is a company with lots of potential.

" The advances shown in the past half year and the previous year are evidence of solid growth which we are confident can be maintained."

Pretax profits jumped 33 per cent to £11.7 million in the six months to January 31, on turnover up 5 per cent to £113 million. Earnings per share rose 14 per cent to 11.39, despite a higher tax charge.

The interim dividend was raised by 0.3p to 3.3p net.

PSM International, which was acquired during the period, made a contribution to profits of £650,000.

Trent Valley Plastics was acquired in February, after the half-year end, and did not affect the results.

In the interim statement released yesterday, the company said the second half had started with similar trading patterns, giving confidence in its expectation of "further satisfactory profits growth" for the year.

Japanese trade

C&W senses flexibility

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese authorities are being more realistic in considering Cable and Wireless's attempt to break into the country's international telecommunications market. However, the two consortia bidding for the single licence failed to narrow their differences yesterday.

Mr Jonathan Solomon, C&W's director for corporate development, said he found a greater flexibility within the bureaucracy, government and private sector after the first meeting on the unification of two consortia bidding for the chance to launch the one company so far on offer from the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications.

For the first time, C&W was represented at yesterday's meeting of six of the core companies from International Digital Communications, of which C&W is a part, and International Telecommunications Japan.

Both sides laid out their visions of the venture, including discussion of a new trans-Pacific cable, where there were differences on principle and timing, and the percentage of the new firm to be allotted to the eight core companies.

Disagreement over the need for the cable prevented detailed discussion of some other points.

The meeting, at general manager level, showed the consortia "miles apart," according to C&W, but they agreed to continue talking. No date was set for the next meeting.

Mr Solomon, convinced that progress was being made, said: "I notice flexibility growing in the various positions which were hardened, those within the ministry, within the government of Japan and in the private sector.

"There is flexibility towards many possibilities – they're now prepared to consider that there may be different approaches."

The process was assisted by pressure from the United States, which is to include the subject in its Market Opening Sector-Selective talks.

"More people realize that what we propose is not only good for Cable and Wireless but for the whole of IDC and Japan," Mr Solomon said.

C&W hopes to obtain a favourable decision by July, the latest at which it will be possible to make decisions to enable a 1989 in-service date for the Pacific cable.

EEC inquiry into dumping

By Colin Narbrough

The European Commission yesterday announced an inquiry into possible Japanese dumping on the EEC market of computer printers as Japan reluctantly agreed to a formal investigation of its semiconductor pact with the US.

The EEC this week agreed to retaliate against Japan in the trade field unless Tokyo acted fast to open its market to foreign goods.

This followed Britain's lone attempt to exert pressure on Japan to open its markets or face retaliation.

The US, which like the EEC, wants early redress to its huge trade imbalance with Japan, is due to impose punitive tariffs on $300 million (£184 million) worth of Japanese electronic goods from tomorrow in retaliation for alleged dumping by Japan in breach of a bilateral accord on semiconductor pricing.

EEC officials said yesterday the investigation now authorized into Japanese computer printers was the biggest of its kind ever undertaken by Brussels.

The market is believed to be worth about $1 billion a year to the Japanese.

In Geneva, Mr Yoshio Hatano, the Japanese Trade Ambassador, said he had agreed to the setting up of a formal disputes panel under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to examine an EEC complaint over the US-Japanese semiconductor agreement. The panel members will be named in a few weeks.

"We have agreed reluctantly to the dispute panel. We did not want to block the dispute settlement procedure," he said.

Earlier, he had told the Gatt council, representing 93 nations, that Japan would seek urgent bilateral consultations with Washington under Gatt rules if President Reagan imposed the threatened tariffs tomorrow.

Now free traders stand up

The free traders in industry and politics have kept their heads below the parapet while ritual Japan-bashing has intensified. Now that there is a strong threat of a real trade war – which is bound to drag in Europe – they are beginning to make their voices heard. That is as well given that Britain, like Germany, exports a far higher proportion of its output than either surplus Japan or the deficit US.

The CBI is the latest to adjust its stance. Last month, John Banham, its new director-general, was steadfastly supporting Cable & Wireless in its bid to lead Japan's alternative overseas telephone network – as he should – and warning regretfully that the resistance of Japan's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunciations was "bound to spark retaliation."

The priorities have changed. Britain's big companies fear that once protection moves up a gear, it will accelerate unpredictably. They made their views plain at the CBI's monthly council meeting. Cable & Wireless should be supported, but much more is at stake. The CBI has come out unequivocally against trade sanctions against Japan.

This is a vital and encouraging change of view. The problem is that resheathing the sabre once it has been thoughtlessly rattled might now undermine Cable & Wireless in its difficult negotiations in Tokyo though Cable's redoubtable chairman Sir Eric Sharp is not likely to be too bothered by that.

Yesterday's talks on recasting the combined consortium demanded by the Japanese government showed how far apart the two sides still are. But there are clearly plenty of negotiating possibilities. The starting position is that Cable, Pacific Telesis and six Japanese groups are to be treated as core companies each with the same shareholding. On the other hand Mr Nakasone has confirmed that he would like the utility to have the maximum 33 per cent foreign interest legally.

These two requirements appear incompatible unless the core companies have only modest shareholdings and large numbers of fringe foreign firms are brought in. Either way, Cable can surely expect to snatch a 10 per cent stake.

Another exciting chapter in a continuing success story.

SALIENT FIGURES Unaudited figures for 6 months to 31 Jan.	1987 (£m)	1986 (£m)
Turnover	113.0	107.1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	11.7	8.8
Net attributable profit	7.1	6.0
Dividends per share (net)	3.3p	3.0p
Earnings per share (net)	11.3p	9.9p

McKechnie is delighted to announce record results for the half-year to 31 January 1987.

Profits before tax, at £11.72 million, are 33% up on the corresponding half-year, on turnover up by 5%; earnings rose by 19% despite higher tax.

But the facts behind the figures are no less impressive.

Profit has improved in all geographic areas and all major business sectors. Furthermore, PSM International plc, acquired during the period, contributed just over £650,000 to operating profits.

At the same time, the Group continued to develop and to seek greater efficiencies. The UK subsidiaries have been reorganised into four divisions, in a way which reflects our strengths in plastics, metals and consumer products.

A further acquisition, of Trent Valley Plastics Limited, took place after the end of the half-year. And on 1 February, the name of the company was changed from McKechnie Brothers plc to McKechnie plc, as a symbol of the spirit of change and development throughout the Group.

The second half-year has started well, giving confidence in our expectation of "further satisfactory profits growth" in the year as a whole.

The interim dividend is increased from 3.0p to 3.3p per share.

McKECHNIE

A SUCCESS STORY – TO BE CONTINUED

Barratt's best-laid plans . . .

For the nation's best-known house builder it must be more than a trifle galling. Currently restoring a number of aged properties on his north Yorkshire estate, Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman of Barratt Developments, has had his redevelopment plans for a derelict stone building in the hamlet of Low Mill turned down by the local council because they "aren't good enough". Claiming officially that the intended alterations to doors and windows "would be out of keeping with its character", one planning officer for North York Moors National Park said, with feigned horror in his voice, "He wanted to turn it into a Barratt bungalow." Poor Sir Lawrie, who is, after all these years, used to dealing with the whims of pedantic planners, is likely to take a second look at the moorland stone storehouse in ten days time when he is expected to lead the annual "daffodil walk" from the church on his estate to the band room in Low Mill.

● **Perhaps President Reagan should have been a Eurobond dealer instead. His 1986 tax return to the IRS reveals that he paid the equivalent of £56,000 in tax – which means he earned an estimated £200,000 last year.**

Higher tech

Airships may appear to be old-fashioned, low-tech things, but the Australian-owned British-based Airship Industries has proved the opposite. In a notable coup, a £6 million deal has been struck with a secret customer in Japan to lease for 12 months one of the blimps fully equipped with the latest electronic night-time advertising screens. The huge 1,000 sq ft screens can display 1,600 colours and change at the rate of 25 frames a second, effectively creating a giant television screen. Perhaps they would like EastEnders to go with it.



"Come on, cheer up. It's Easter and the stock market is closed."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Rebirth for Chrysalis

Horse racing fan Chris Wright, chairman and co-founder of record group, Chrysalis, which yesterday announced the £3 million takeover of studio and outside broadcaster RPS, might be able to watch his latest acquisition in action at Sandown Park on June 12. He will be at the Surrey race course for Chrysalis Race Day, along with the expected sprinkling of pop stars. One of the races being televised will be the Chrysalis Claiming Stakes, for which the standard £12,000 prize money has been increased to more than £45,000 – making it the most valuable claiming race ever held in Britain. Wright, aged 42, who started Chrysalis when he was just 19, owns a stable of some six racehorses and may have one or two racing on the day.

Seat wanted

Stockbroker Peter Beswick, who transformed the fortunes of two ailing, quoted companies, Stanelco and Times Veneer, now wants a seat on the board of Leicester clothes manufacturer, Ladies Pride. He already speaks for 10.5 per cent of the company and now wants boardroom control – despite resistance from chairman Keith Norman. Norman, who only became chairman in January, will have to face shareholders for the first time at today's annual meeting. He will no doubt be relieved to learn that Beswick will not be there – Beswick says he is keeping his powder dry.

Trevor for president

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, likeable and shrewd £159,000-a-year chairman of GKN, emerged yesterday as the unanimous nominee to succeed David Nickson as president of the CBI next year. Sir Trevor, aged 59, will be elected deputy president at the CBI's annual meeting on May 20 and will take over from the Scottish & Newcastle Breweries chairman a year later. The new man has played a leading role in CBI affairs and has been a member of the CBI policy-making council since 1974. In recent years he has been chairman of the CBI's tax reform working party and served on economic and financial policy and unemployment committees. Sir Trevor, a chartered accountant and former chairman of the British Institute of Management, endeared himself to all earlier this week by delivering an annual report announcing greater GKN spending on research and development and attacking a short term approach to capital and technological investment as leading "inevitably to corporate sterility and ultimate decline." Norman Tebbit is also quite happy, no doubt, with the £10,000 GKN donated to Conservative Party coffers last year.

● **The problems of Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus, the duo behind the American film and cinema group Cannon, just will not go away. I hear that they have been forced to sell their share in a joint cable video venture with the US cable group Home Box Office, to raise a paultry $5 million.**

Carol Leonard

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Fleet St tops London rent and rate table

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The Fleet Street and Mayfair areas of London head the league table of rent and rate increases in 1987, according to Dron and Wright's annual review of the combined costs for office properties in some 60 principal business locations in southern England.

In both cases, the increase in office rents is responsible, because in Mayfair the rates remain the same, while Fleet Street and the rest of the City benefit from a small reduction in rates by the Corporation of the City of London.

In the City, the increase of 27 per cent in rents in Bishopsgate (EC2) and 18.75 per cent in Fenchurch Street (EC3) is significant – but overshadowed by the 42.8 per cent rise in Fleet Street.

The review points out that there is a critical lack of larger space in existing buildings within the prime City trading areas, which is causing the City to expand beyond its traditional boundaries.

The need to secure property has resulted in a strong pre-let market for new developments, often incorporating review on completion, which in turn requires occupants to pay even higher rents than they would normally expect.

The review charts the increase in Fleet Street rents from £21 to £30 a square foot. When taken with the small rates reduction, the combined increase in rent and rates is 27.48 per cent.

In the City of Westminster, rates have been held at last year's level and the entire increase in the combined costs has been the result of fairly large rent rises – 10 per cent in Victoria, 27 per cent in St James's and 37 per cent (from £24 to £33 a sq ft) in Mayfair. The combined increase for Mayfair is 25.5 per cent.

When Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced the Government's rate support grant in January, he forecast overall rate increases of less than 2 per cent.

The review shows an average rate increase of 7.25 and an increase of 5 per cent in the combined total for rent and rates, just above inflation.



New HQ for Hambros

Hambros Bank is to take a 25-year lease on Towergate, a 169,000 sq ft office development overlooking the Tower of London. It has been developed by a consortium comprising CMD Property Group, Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, Berisford Property Developments and Britel Developments. Built on 10 floors, it has two floors designed for dealing and is due for completion in October. It will provide headquarters for Hambros, which is to move in during 1988. The project is funded by Britel Fund Trustees.

Telephone banking for TSB

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The home banking scheme unveiled by the Trustee Savings Bank this week is the first by a major clearing bank to use telephone links instead of home computers and television screens. It is likely to prove the model for future experiments in home banking by other financial services institutions.

The telephone is the most common technique in the US, where home banking is more advanced. Its great merit is that it is cheap for the bank to set up, and for customers

The TSB says it has cost a mere £1 million to add the system on to its main computer capability. The Speedlink system costs the customer an initial £12, plus a quarterly £2.50 charge.

The Bank of Scotland started up a screen system in 1985 while the Nottingham Building Society also has a scheme.

Not only are screen systems cumbersome and expensive, they are not believed to have caught on much with the public. The TSB system can do the same things as the Bank of Scotland system, such as pay bills and transfer money, but is simpler to use.

Granada buys tour company

By Lawrence Lever

Granada Group, the television and leisure company, yesterday launched its first foray into the holidays business with the £45.8 million purchase of a specialist school tour operator, WSL Holdings.

WSL was formerly the Wolverhampton Steam Laundry Company – effectively a stock market shell company until two businessmen, Mr Peter James and Mr David Ellingham, transformed it into a holiday company with the purchase of a private tour operator in June 1985.

At the time the deal was financed by a placing of WSL shares with institutions at 33.3p each. Mr James and Mr Ellingham are expected to leave WSL shortly to pursue other interests.

The terms of yesterday's deal – 11 Granada shares for every 16 WSL – value WSL shares at about 211p. There is a partial cash alternative whereby WSL shareholders can take cash for one third of their shares at 205p per share.

The deal is already in the bag, with the WSL board and other institutions having accepted in respect of just over 50 per cent of WSL shares.

Mr Derek Lewis, the finance director of Granada, said the WSL purchase was not the prelude to Granada diversifying into mainstream tour operating.



Lewis: not moving into mainstream tours

Rather it would be used as "a platform for rapid and aggressive development in the very clearly defined market segments in which WSL operates," he said.

WSL specializes in school tour holidays, adult ski holidays, aircraft seat broking, and Italian up-market holidays.

Mr Peter Hopkins, the deputy chairman of WSL, has signed a three-and-a-half year service agreement with Granada.

Astra pays £21.8m for US groups

Astra Holdings, which requested a halt in its share dealings pending talks on an acquisition, has conditionally agreed to acquire Walters Group, the holding company for two private US companies based in Illinois and Wisconsin operating mainly as US defence contractors.

The price will not exceed $35.5 million (£21.8 million), of which $25.5 million is payable on completion in cash and shares. The balance is payable in cash if certain profit levels are achieved.

Astra is offering a total of 86.5 million shares at 28p per share, giving additional working capital on top of the purchase price and expenses.

Walters Group comprises two trading subsidiaries. Accudyne Corporation, a high technology electronic, electromechanical and mechanical component manufacturing and assembly company, and E Walters & Co, a precision engineering company and metal parts manufacturer

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – Share prices gave back some of the gains made soon after the opening but remained higher in active, early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which jumped 33 points in the morning, moderated its gain to 13.07 when it stood at 2,266.05. The transport indicator was up 4.66 at 919.56.

A rise in the dollar and bond prices encouraged the buying spree at the opening, traders said.

	Apr 14	Apr 13		Apr 14	Apr 13		Apr 14	Apr 13
AMR Cp	51⅛	52½	Firestone	35	35⅛	Pepsico	30⅛	30½
ASA	72	71⅜	Fst Chicago	25⅝	26⅛	Pfizer	68⅝	69¼
Aetna Life	58¾	58¾	Fst Int Bncp	54⅛	55⅛	Philips Dod	28⅝	29⅝
Allied Signal	45⅜	45⅝	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Philip Mor	84⅛	86⅝
Allis Chalm	2⅝	2⅝	FT Wachva	40	41½	Philip Pet	14⅝	15⅝
Alcoa	44½	44⅛	Ford Motor	81⅛	85⅛	Polaroid	69⅞	71⅛
Amax Inc	20⅛	20⅛	GAF Cp	47⅜	49⅝	Procr Gble	86⅛	89⅝
AMR Hess	30⅜	31⅜	GTE Cp	36	38	Pub Sve Eg	36⅞	37⅞
Am Brands	44⅝	45½	Gen Cp	116⅛	117⅝	Raytheon	73⅝	75⅝
Am Can	43	44½	Gn Dynem	66⅛	68	Rynlds Met	67⅛	67⅞
Am Cynmd	88	91¼	Gen Elect	102	102	Rockwell Int	27⅝	56⅛
Am Ele Pwr	25⅝	26¼	Gen Inst	31½	32½	Royal Dutch	117½	119½
Amex	69⅞	72⅛	Gen Mills	45⅛	47⅛	SFE Sopac	37⅛	36½
Am Home	84⅝	86	Gen Motors	83⅜	84⅝	Sara Lee	43¾	45
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	22⅛	22⅝	Schlumb	40	40⅝
Am Stand	40½	42⅜	Genesco	4	4⅛	Scott Pap	71⅞	74⅜
Am Telph	23⅞	24	Georgia Pac	44⅜	47⅜	Seagram	71⅛	73⅛
Amoco Cp	78½	80	Gillette	58⅝	58⅝	Sears Roeb	49⅜	50⅛
Armco Steel	9	9⅛	Goodrich	51	52⅛	Shell Trans	74⅛	74⅝
Asarco Inc	25⅝	25⅝	Goodyear	57⅛	59	Singer	44⅝	47⅛
Ashland Oil	59¼	59¼	Gould Inc	17⅜	18	Smithkln Bk	100	104
Atl Richfld	78⅜	80½	Grace Cp	62	62⅝	Sony Cp	18⅛	18⅜
Avon Prod	30⅝	31½	Grt Atl Pac	33⅜	34½	Stn Cal Edi	28½	29⅛
Bk Boston	28⅛	30	Greyhnd	34½	35	SW Bell	101⅛	104½
Bank NY	38⅜	39⅝	Grumman	25⅛	28⅜	Std Oil	70½	70⅛
Bankamer	11⅝	12⅛	Gulf & West	73⅜	75⅝	Sterl Drug	51⅛	51⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	42	43⅝	Heinz	42⅝	45½	Stevens JP	42	43⅜
Beth Steel	11	11⅛	Hercules	54⅝	56½	Sun Comp	61⅛	65⅛
Boeing	50⅝	50⅞	Hewlett Pk	52⅝	53	TRW Inc	99½	100
Boise Casc	76⅛	76⅛	Honeywell	70⅝	71½	Teledyne	320⅝	327½
Borden	56½	56⅝	IC Ind	31⅛	32⅛	Tenneco	44⅛	47
Borg Warnr	49⅛	49⅛	ITT Cp	55⅝	57⅝	Texaco	29⅛	29⅛
Brist Myer	96	97⅛	INCO	17⅜	18	Tex Eastn	34½	35½
BP	56	55	Ingersoll	74⅜	78⅜	Tex Inst	193	196
Brunswick	41½	43⅜	Inland Steel	25½	26⅛	Tex Util	30⅝	31⅜
Burl Ind	50⅛	52	IBM	147⅛	147⅞	Textron	63⅜	64½
Burl Nth	66⅜	66⅛	Int Paper	108	105⅛	Travelers	44⅛	44⅞
CBS	151	153	Irving Bk	41⅞	43⅜	UAL Inc	70⅝	71⅛
CPC Int	48	50⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	85	89	USG	37⅝	39⅜
CSX Cp	32⅝	32½	K Mart Cp	59⅜	61⅛	USX Cp	27⅛	27⅝
Campbell Sp	66⅜	69¼	Kaiser Alum	15⅜	17⅜	Unilever NV	281½	286
Can Pacific	17½	18⅝	Kerr McGee	32⅛	34	Un Carbide	27	28⅛
Caterpillar	46½	47	Kmbl Clark	105⅜	110¼	Un Pac Cp	70⅝	73
Centrl SW	29½	30⅜	Kraft	53⅜	56⅜	Unisys Cp	102	101⅞
Champion	38⅛	39⅛	Kroger	32⅛	32½	Utd Brands	44	46½
Chase Man	34⅜	35	LTV Cp	3⅜	3½	Utd Tech	47⅛	48¼
Chem NY	40⅝	42	Litton	86⅛	88⅛	Unocal	38⅝	38⅞
Chevron	57⅜	58⅝	Lockheed	48⅝	51	Walter Jim	50½	52
Chrysler	34	53¾	Lucky Str	29⅝	30½	Warn Lamb	69¼	71½
Citicorp	48⅛	49½	Man H'nwr	40⅝	41⅜	Wells Far	44⅛	45⅝
Clark Eq	21⅜	22	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Westg El	59⅝	62½
Coca Cola	43⅝	45⅝	Mapco	61⅞	62⅛	Weyerhsr	53⅜	55
Colgate	43	44⅜	Marine Mid	44½	45	Whirlpool	36⅜	37⅛
Columb Gas	44½	46½	Mt Marietta	43	48⅜	Woolworth	46	49⅛
Cmb'n En Eng	33⅝	33¾	Masco	33	35⅛	Xerox Cp	71½	71⅞
Cnwrth Ed	32⅝	32⅝	Mcdonalds	75	76⅝	Zenith	24⅝	25½
Cons Edis	41⅞	42	McDonnell	75⅞	78			
Cn Nat Gas	39	40⅜	Mead Cp	63⅝	65⅝			
Cons Pwr	17⅝	18	Merck	158⅜	160			
Cont Data	29⅝	31⅜	Minsta Mng	126	128½			
Corning Gl	61	61⅞	Mobil	46⅝	47⅜			
Crane	38¼	40⅝	Monsanto	81⅛	82⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	57⅞	59⅛	Morgan Jp	40⅝	41⅜			
Data Gent	30⅛	29⅝	Motorola	54⅛	55⅛			
Deere Cp	27⅛	27	NCR	65	65½			
Delta Air	53⅜	54⅜	NL Indstrs	6⅜	7			
Detroit Edi	16	17	Nat Distil	61⅛	63⅜			
Digital Eq	160⅝	164	Nat Md Ent	26⅝	28			
Disney	61¼	62½	Nat Semi	14	13⅜			
Dow Chem	81	82⅛	Norfolk Sth	30¼	30½			
Dressr Ind	26	26⅜	NW Bancrp	34½	37			
Dupont	109½	111½	Occid Petl	32⅜	33⅝			
Duke Pwr	40½	42½	Ogden Cp	63¾	64½			
East Kodak	72⅜	73⅛	Olin Cp	47⅝	49⅛			
Eaton Cp	73¼	78	PPG Ind	40¼	42			
Emerson El	98	100½	Pac Gas El	20⅝	21			
Emery Air	12⅝	12⅝	Pan Am	4⅜	4½			
Exxon	88¾	89½	Penney JC	92¼	97			
Fed Dpt Sts	91¾	94	Pennzoil	75⅝	76½			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	45	43
Alcan Alum	52⅝	54⅛
Algoma Sd	17	16½
Can Pacific	23⅜	24⅛
Comnco	17⅝	18
Con Bathrst	17⅜	19
Hawk S Can	27⅜	27½
Hud Bay M	27⅛	28
Imasco	37⅝	38½
Imperial Oil	66⅝	68
Int Pipe	49¼	49⅝
Royl Trstco	35⅛	36⅞
Seagram	94	95½
Shelco 'A'	25⅛	25½
Thmsn N 'A'	30½	31¼
Varity Cp	2.75	2.80
WCT	16⅞	17⅜
Weston	37⅛	38½

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	174
Airtours (180p)	190 +1
Burford (80p)	165 +2
Camb Instr (130p)	130
Capital Radio (105p)	167 –4
Castle Comm (200p)	216
Cundell New (125p)	150 +2
Dale Group (110p)	123 –2
Epwin (155p)	181
Filofax	163 +3
Hornby (100p)	113 +2
JSB Elec (115p)	125 –1
Lon & Metro (145p)	246
MIL (144p)	194 –1
March Gp	123
Mallett (120p)	186 –2
Melville (114p)	126
Mercury Asset	296
Nobe (152p)	175 –1
Perpetual (180p)	188
RCO (95p)	100
Regina H Beauty (20p)	42
Reliance Sec	168 +3
Sanders Sydney (100p)	143
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	235
Sinclair G S (90p)	111 +4
TSB Group (100p)	81½ +1
Virgin (140p)	166 +2
Waterglade (140p)	176
Wilson Bowden (130p)	135
Wyevale New (120p)	188 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone F/P	71 –1
City Snte Est F/P	£117
DPCE N/P	36
Iceland N/P	38 +½
Ladbroke F/P	408 +8
Nash Inds N/P	90 +5
Pict Pet F/P	34 –2
Widney F/P	42

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,700	English China	291	Rank Org	826
Amstrad	1,800	Fisons	374	Rank Hovis	1,600
Argyll	770	Gen Accident	392	Redland	173
ASDA-MFI	3,100	GEC	9,000	Reckitt Colman	72
Ass Br Foods	354	Glaxo	2,200	Reed Int	755
BET	806	Globe IT	878	Reuters	1,400
BTR	2,900	Granada	1,400	RMC Group	318
BAT	3,100	Grand Met	6,900	RTZ	1,100
Barclays	1,200	GUS 'A'	236	Rowntree	1,600
Bass	897	GRE	61	Royal B of Scot	486
Beecham	2,400	GKN	293	Royal Ins	3,600
Blue Circle	887	Guinness	2,600	Scotch	481
BOC	460	Hanson	5,400	Sainsbury (J)	1,800
Boots	3,500	Hawker Siddeley	3,600	Sears	5,000
BPB Ind	843	Hillsdown	1,500	Sedgwick Gp	1,100
BPCC	63	Imp Cham Ind	1,700	Shell	4,900
Br Aerospace	1,300	Imp Cont Gas	531	Smith & Nephew	2,300
Br Airways	11,000	Jaguar	2,400	STC	4,100
Brit Comm	771	Ladbroke	875	Stan Chart	136
Br Gas	14,000	Land Securities	2,700	Storehouse	1,600
Br Petroleum	4,100	Legal & Gen	1,200	Sun Alliance	1,600
Br Telecom	6,800	Lloyds	1,100	Tarmac	710
Britoil	2,800	Lonhro	1,500	TSB P/P	4,900
Bunzl	317	Marks & Spencer	5,000	Tesco	592
Burton	6,300	MEPC	1,500	Thorn EMI	1,100
Cable & Wireless	5,800	Midland	1,400	Trafalgar House	631
Cadbury Schwep	4,000	Nat West	2,600	Trusthouse Forte	1,500
Coats Viyella	353	P & O Dfrd	277	Unigate	560
Com Union	3,600	Pearson	449	Unilever	122
Cons Goldfields	1,700	Pilkington Bros	1,000	Utd Biscuits	4,700
Cookson Gp	470	Plessey	1,900	Wellcome	2,600
Courtaulds	1,700	Prudential	935	Whitbread 'A'	742
Dee Corp	2,600	Racal Elect	4,200	Woolworth	1,100
Dixons Gp	1,600				

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THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	390	420	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	29	32	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	120	130	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Commercial	56	60	n/c
68	24	Conton Beach	63	68	+1
190	121	Edenspring Inv	185	195	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	41	43	–1
41	8	Do. Warrants	25	27	n/c
29	17	Publishing Holdings	26	28	–1
57½	46	Theme Holdings	49	52	n/c
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 6
Week fixed: 9⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 9 11/16; 3 mnth 9 9/16
Selling: 2 mnth 9⅝; 3 mnth 9½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9¾–9 23/32; 3 mnth 9 17/32–9 15/32
2 mnth 9 11/16–9 21/32; 6 mnth 9 23/32–9 21/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¼; 3 mnth 10 1/16
2 mnth 10 1/16; 6 mnth 9 15/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9¾ close 6
1 week 9¾–9⅝; 3 mnth 9¾–9⅝
1 mnth 9¾–9 13/16; 6 mnth 9¾–9⅝
3 mnth 9¾–9 27/32; 12 mth 9¾–9¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9⅝; 7 days 9⅝
1 mnth 9¾; 3 mnth 9⅝
6 mnth 9⅝; 12 mnth 9¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10 1/16–9 13/16; 2 mnth 10 1/16–9 13/16
3 mnth 10–9¾; 6 mnth 9¾–9⅝
9 mnth 9 13/16–9 11/16; 12 mth 9 13/16–9 11/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9¾–9 29/32; 3 mnth 9 13/16–9¾
6 mnth 9 11/16–9 5/8; 12 mth 9⅝–9⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.80–6.75; 3 mnth 6.95–6.90
6 mnth 7.05–7.00; 12 mth 7.35–7.30

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛–5⅞
7 days	6 9/16–6⅛	1 mnth	6¾–6⅝
3 mnth	7–6⅞	6 mnth	7 1/16–6 15/16
Deutschmark		call	4⅛–3¾
7 days	4–3⅝	1 mnth	4–3⅞
3 mnth	4–3⅞	6 mnth	4 1/16–3 15/16
French Franc		call	8–7
7 days	8 9/16–8 1/16	1 mnth	8¼–8⅛
3 mnth	8⅜–8¼	6 mnth	8⅜–8¼
Swiss Franc		call	1⅝–1½
7 days	1 1/16–1 1/16	1 mnth	3⅛–3
3 mnth	3¼–3⅛	6 mnth	3 1/16–3 1/16
Yen		call	4⅛–3⅝
7 days	4⅛–4	1 mnth	4⅛–4
3 mnth	4 1/16–4 1/16	6 mnth	4 1/16–4 1/16

BULLION

Gold: $443.50-444.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 447.00-450.00 (£274.00-276.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 105.00-106.00 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 589.75 (£362.35)
Silver
$ 7.1700-7.2000 (£4.3950-4.4150)

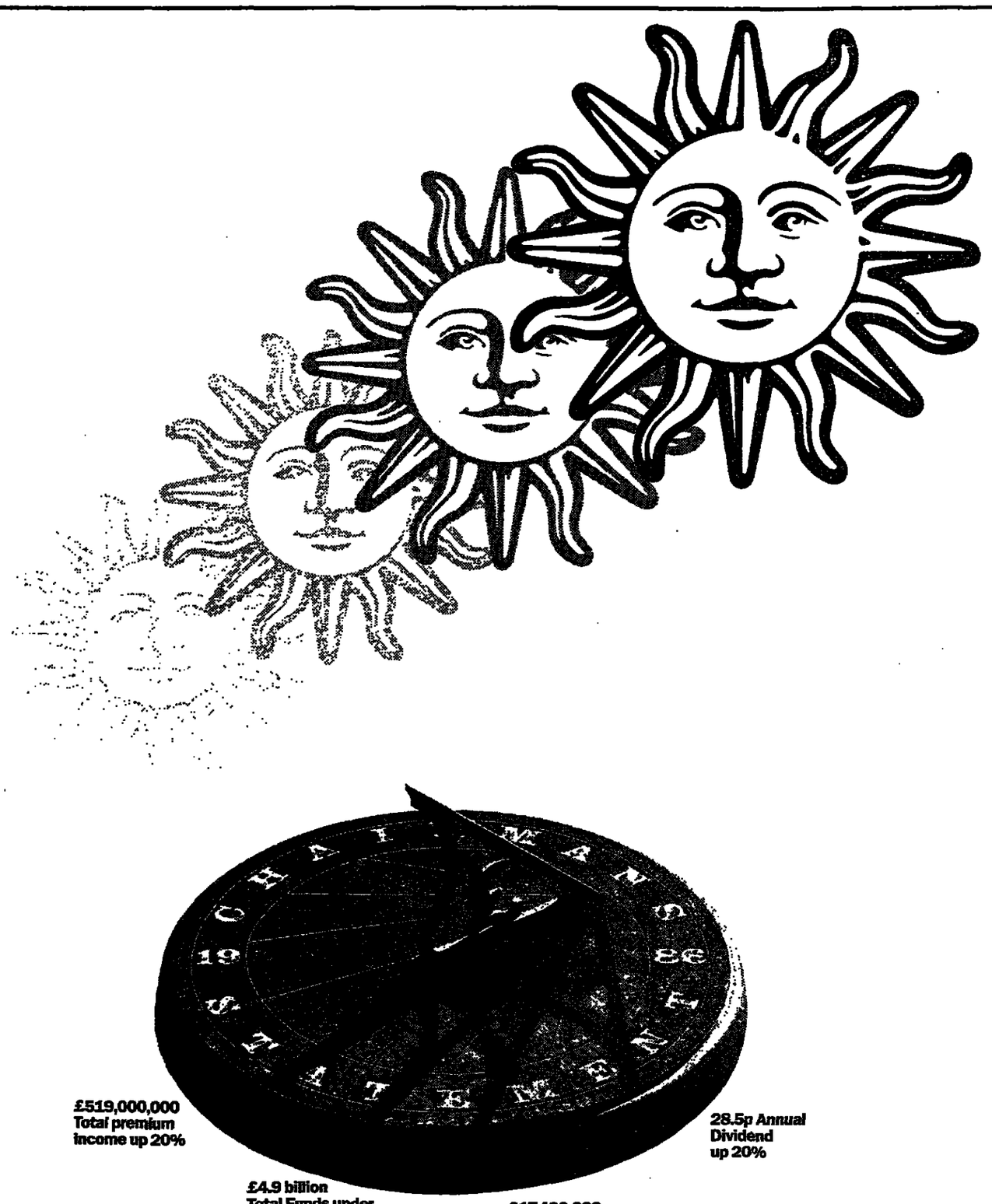
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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 28, 1987 to March 31, 1987 inclusive: 10.053 per cent.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Grds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.



£519,000,000
Total premium income up 20%

28.5p Annual Dividend up 20%

£4.9 billion
Total Funds under Management up 26%

£17,400,000
Profit after tax up 23%

SUN BEAMS

Sun Life is happy to announce that 1986 post-tax profits for shareholders were £17.4 million, 23% up on 1985. A notable new contributor to profit was our unit trust company, whose pre-tax profit was £1.3 million. In view of our sustained growth we have declared a total dividend for 1986 of 28.5p per share, an increase of 20% over last year.

Surging bond sales and an excellent first full year for our unit trust company resulted in very satisfactory new business figures. Single payments rose to £386 million, up 90% on 1985. Annual premium payments at £53 million matched 1985's record levels, if a special tranche of reassurance business in 1985 is excluded.

Nearly 80% of our sales is accounted for by Brokers and other intermediaries. They are the backbone of our business. But our direct salesforce, which operates completely separately, also had a successful year with sales 28% up on 1985.

In 1986 the funds we managed grew by over £1 billion, more than the total funds we managed ten years ago. This brings our current funds under management to nearly £5 billion.

Other successes in 1986 included seven of our unit trusts being listed by Money Marketing/Opal in the top ten best performers in their sectors. Two of these funds featured in the overall top 10 out of more than 800 qualifying funds.

To celebrate 10 years of unit linked business we launched our Anniversary Bond in February 1987. Sales have exceeded expectation and currently stand at over £100 million. We have generally had a very good start to 1987 and anticipate further excellent results.

Sun Life has expanded rapidly from its traditional life insurance base. If you would like to hear more about a year in the life of what is now one of Britain's most consistently successful investment houses, ask Tony Setchell for a copy of our 1986 Report and Accounts.

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APPOINTMENTS

New chief for Citizen Watch

Citizen Watch (UK): Mr **Brian Taylor** has become vice-president, marketing.

APV Baker: Mr **MRH Smith**, Mr **CW Joyce** and Mr **JC McCaskie** have been made executive directors and Mr **GL Law** a non-executive director.

Emap: Mr **Robert Mackenzie** becomes chief executive, exhibitions division.

Brooklands Aerospace Group: Sir **Ronald Ellis** has been made non-executive chairman, with Mr **A Haikney** and Mr **PJ Molony** as deputy chairmen, Mr **JR Hodge** as a director and general manager, and Mr **J Henderson** as a non-executive director.

Prontaprint: Mr **Derek Mottershead** becomes managing director.

Coopers & Lybrand: Mr **Tony Abrahams**, Mr **Bernard Bland**, Mr **Jim Driscoll**, and Mr **Bob Etherington** have been made directors; Mr **Jeff McIntosh** and Mr **Peter Sills** partners.



Brian Taylor

British Castors: Mr **Richard Figgins** becomes sales director.

UBM Building Supplies (Central): Mr **Roger Marsden** is made managing director.

Rauma-Repola Group: Mr **Magnus Savander** joins the group executive committee.

Cannon Street Investments: Mr **Dennis Baylin**, Mr **Brian Scowcroft**, Mr **Lawrence Slapper**, Mr **Gordon Carruth** and Mr **Stephen Cutler** become directors; Mr **Roger Abraham** and Mr **Jeremy Brownlow** non-executive directors.

Bentalls' profits rise by 17.5%

Bentalls, the department stores group where Mr LER Bentall is the president, recovered from a disappointing first half-year to show a 17.5 per cent gain in pretax profits to £3.83 million in the year to the end of January. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 2.21p, making a total of 2.65p, compared with 2.3p last time. Earnings per share were up by 14 per cent to 5.55p.

Works enabling the new, £110 million redevelopment of the Kingston, Surrey, store site are almost completed. Bentalls' existing store will be able to trade without disruption for the next three years. The new store and a multi-storey car-park will open for trading in 1990.

Bentalls relaunched its charge card at the end of 1986 and the response, said the company, was good.

The current year has started well with sales up 13 per cent over the corresponding period of 1986.



Mr LER Bentall, president of Bentalls.

In brief

● **STEEL BROTHERS HOLDINGS:** (subsidiary of British & Commonwealth Shipping): Group Turnover £392.3 million (£367.7 million). Pretax profit £11.7 million (£11.8 million). Earnings per share 39.69p (47.89p).

● **LONDON AND NORTHERN GROUP:** In connection with its offer of its remaining holding of 845,035 ordinary shares of Tace (11.25 per cent), the company reports that the Tace shares will be available to London shareholders on the register at April 3 last in the proportion of one Tace share for every 132 London ordinaries held at 462.3p a share. If shareholders' basic entitlements are not fully taken up, shareholders are also entitled to apply for excess shares. The latest time for application and payment is May 11.

● **HELENE OF LONDON:** Total dividend unchanged at 1.63p for 1986. With figures in £000: Sales 30,161 (24,740). Pretax profit 1,752 (1,711). Earnings per share 3.1p (3.1p).

● **UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTORS:** Total dividend for 1986 4p (3.75p). With figures in £000: Turnover 9,173 (7,823). Pretax profit 330 (255). Earnings per share 8.5p (6.3p).

● **ANCHOR CHEMICAL:** Total dividend for 1986 5p (4.25p). With figures in £000: Net turnover 32,612 (20,964). Pretax profit 1,551 (1,130). Earnings per share 22p (16.53p). Net assets per share 209p (190p). The group is now benefiting from the recent investment programme and, subject to reasonable trading conditions, the board looks with confidence to further growth in earnings in 1987.

● **WADE POTTERIES:** Half-year to January 31. Interim dividend 1.35p (1.1p). With figures in £000: Sales 9,879 (8,362). Pretax profit 1,020 (652). Earnings per share 6.28p (3.84p). While demand has now flattened out in some areas, the board is optimistic that results for the second half should be marginally ahead of those in the first.

● **PARAMBE:** Total dividend for 1986 1.35p (1.25p). Pretax profit £138,824 (£133,738). Earnings per share 2.22p (2.06p).

● **ALLIED IRISH BANKS:** The group and Moore & Schley, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have agreed to establish a jointly-owned company, Allied Irish Moore & Schley, which will start operations when the formal approval of the NYSE is obtained. The new company's purpose is to service the growing volume of securities transactions between Ireland and the US and to provide a facility for the raising of capital in the US for investment in Irish companies.

● **CEMENT-ROADSTONE:** Dr Michael Dargan, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that, although he can foresee continuing difficulties in the Irish market, the company now has the geographical spread and balance to sustain overall development. It has a strong balance sheet, a good cash-flow and an competitive management. The company's thrust is towards further expansion abroad.

● **SWINDON PRIVATE HOSPITAL:** Half-year to January 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 931 (810). Pretax profit 86 (24). Earnings per share 4.0p (1.7p).

● **TRICENTROL:** The company has signed a £50 million medium-term facility with a group of seven banks. This facility was arranged by Barclays Bank as manager and agent bank.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Jun 87	90.53	90.54	90.45	90.47	3727
Sep 87	90.79	90.80	90.75	90.75	350
Dec 87	90.89	90.89	90.85	90.85	31
Mar 88	90.76	90.76	90.73	90.73	6
Jun 88	NT	—	—	90.58	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.39	0

Previous day's total open interest 25680

Three Month Eurodollar					Previous day's total open interest 27191
Jun 87	92.90	92.97	92.84	92.87	12572
Sep 87	92.75	92.78	92.61	92.66	3180
Dec 87	92.52	92.58	92.39	92.45	823
Mar 88	92.35	92.36	92.24	92.24	87

US Treasury Bond					Previous day's total open interest 6586
Jun 87	94-15	94-18	93-02	93-06	11815
Sep 87	NT	—	—	92-04	0
Short Gilt				Previous day's total open interest 0	
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	0

Long Gilt					Previous day's total open interest 23855
Jun 87	123-20	123-21	122-06	122-08	34793
Sep 87	NT	—	—	122-08	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-08	0
FT-SE 100				Previous day's total open interest 4069	
Jun 87	193.90	195.00	193.50	193.50	1155
Sep 87	NT	—	—	196.00	0

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 13	May 1	July 23	August3

Call options were taken out on: 15/4/87 Greenwich Resources, Property Trust, MY Holdings, Morgan Greenfell, Southern Ventures, Samson, Ultramar, Helene of London, Marley, Sound Diffusion, TR Energy, J Crowther, Stone International, Fisons, Saatchi & Saatchi, Argyle Group, JFB, Ennex, Mitchell Somers, Ashley Inds., Dares Estates, Dinkie Heel, Bristol Channel, London Securities, Legal & General, Bula Resources. Put: Ultramar.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 15	Market rates close April 15	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6245-1.6345	1.6335-1.6345	0.42-0.39prem	1.15-1.10prem
Montreal	2.1427-2.1665	2.1628-2.1665	0.51-0.41prem	1.25-1.13prem
Amst'dam	3.3153-3.3287	3.3242-3.3287	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3½prem
Brussels	60.93-61.18	61.06-61.18	16-11prem	44-35prem
C'phgen	11.0967-11.1609	11.1143-11.1538	¾-⅜dis	1⅝-2⅛dis
Dublin	1.0883-1.1056	1.1013-1.1023	23-27dis	62-74dis
Frankfurt	2.9424-2.9535	2.9483-2.9535	1¾-1¾prem	4¼-4¼prem
Lisbon	226.59-228.83	227.87-228.83	65-145dis	244-375dis
Madrid	206.22-207.58	207.05-207.58	80-100dis	265-300dis
Milan	2098.02-2108.10	2103.54-2108.10	3prem-par	6prem-par
Oslo	11.0067-11.0901	11.0506-11.0901	3⅝-4⅜dis	13⅜-14dis
Paris	9.7964-9.8184	9.8042-9.8184	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-2¼prem
Stkhlm	10.2468-10.2877	10.2653-10.2630	½prem-par	½prem-⅜dis
Tokyo	231.06-231.80	231.17-231.56	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3¾prem
Vienna	20.72-20.82	20.79-20.82	10-8prem	28⅝-26⅝prem
Zurich	2.4242-2.4307	2.4268-2.4307	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 72.1 (day's range 72.0-72.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4982-2.5096
Australia dollar	2.2428-2.2458
Bahrain dinar	0.6095-0.6135
Brazil cruzado*	38.2820-38.4980
Cyprus pound	0.7690-0.7990
Finland marka	7.1625-7.2025
Greece drachma	214.70-216.70
Hong Kong dollar	12.6906-12.7001
India rupee	20.70-20.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4375-0.4415
Malaysia dollar	4.0255-4.0297
Mexico peso	1850.0-1900.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7870-2.7936
Saudi Arabia ryal	6.0700-6.1100
Singapore dollar	3.4742-3.4780
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0542-5.1371
S Africa rand (com)	3.2475-3.2560
U A E dirham	5.9430-5.9630

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4730-1.4750
Singapore	2.1360-2.1370
Malaysia	2.4750-2.4760
Australia	0.7247-0.7252
Canada	1.3235-1.3250
Sweden	6.3050-6.3100
Norway	6.7650-6.7700
Denmark	6.8250-6.8300
West Germany	1.8090-1.8100
Switzerland	1.4910-1.4920
Netherlands	2.0415-2.0425
France	6.0200-6.0250
Japan	142.25-142.35
Italy	1291.5-1292.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.47-37.52
Hong Kong	7.8000-7.8010
Portugal	139.70-140.20
Spain	126.72-126.82
Austria	12.69-12.71

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*369)	360	12	28	40	4	19	26
	390	1½	15	25	25	35	40
	420	½	7	15	55	60	65
British Gas (*92)	80	12	17	20⅛	½	2¼	4¼
	90	3	10	14	1½	5	7½
	100	1	5	8½	9	9¾	12
British Airways (*135)	110	26	27	30	½	1½	5½
	120	16	19¾	22	1	4	10
	130	7	13	18	2	10	14
BP (*667)	850	28	75	102	10	33	42
	900	6	48	73	40	53	65
	950	1	25	53	87	90	100
Cons Gold (*1004)	950	57	107	130	5	34	50
	1000	25	85	110	26	54	67
	1050	6	60	84	47	77	90
Courtaulds (*411)	360	52	62	74	1	6	9
	390	21	42	57	2	14	21
	420	3	24	37	13	29	35
	480	1	11	23	51	61	63
Com Union (*311)	300	15	30	40	3	12	18
	330	1	15	23	20	29	31
	360	1	8	16	50	54	57
Cable & Wire (*346)	325	23	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	5	—	—	9	—	—
	360	—	20	32	—	36	45
	390	½	7	20	46	55	58
GEC (*193)	200	2	13	20	8	14	22
	220	1	7	12	27	32	36
	240	½	3	8	47	52	54
Grand Met (*484)	420	68	80	90	1	6	8
	460	28	52	68	1½	15	22
	500	3	26	35	20	28	37
	550	1	10	18	67	70	75
ICI (*1288)	1300	8	63	90	40	68	90
	1350	3	45	67	85	98	117
	1400	2	30	52	135	135	150
	1450	1½	18	38	185	185	185
Land Securities (*392)	360	32	45	55	2	8	15
	390	6	28	38	6	16	26
	420	1	13	22	31	41	47
Marks & Spen (*209)	200	12	19	26	2	10	12
	220	1	9	17	14	20	23
	240	¼	4	8	38	37	39
Shell Trans (*1169)	1150	28	82	108	13	35	48
	1200	7	60	88	43	60	72
	1250	2	40	68	90	98	108
Trafalgar House (*314)	300	16	28	35	1	12	19
	330	1	13	22	17	25	33
	360	1	6	13	47	54	60
TSB (*82)	70	12	14	15¾	½	1¼	2¼
	80	2¼	7½	9¼	1	4½	6
	90	⅛	3½	5¾	9¼	10½	11¼
Woolworth (*784)	750	40	70	85	4	30	45
	800	8	40	60	30	45	75
	850	1	25	35	75	90	100

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo cont.	1650	17	—	—	230	—	—
Hanson (*153)	135	22	27	—	2	4	—
	150	11½	16½	—	6½	9	—
	165	5½	10	—	16½	18	—
	180	2	5½	9¼	28	29	30
Sears (*129)	130	8	12	14½	7⅞	9	12
	140	4	8	10½	14½	17	19
	160	1½	4	6	33	33½	35
Tesco (*478)	420	68	80	—	3	10	—
	460	32	55	65	12	18	26
	500	12	33	45	38	37	45
Thorn EMI (*643)	500	157	162	—	1	2	—
	550	107	115	—	3	10	—
	600	63	73	87	13	25	32
	650	30	42	65	32	45	52
THF (*229)	200	34	41	52	2	5	7
	220	19	29	37	7	12	14
	240	7¾	18	25	18	21	24

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero (*639)	600	53	77	85	14	27	33
	650	25	45	62	37	47	52
	700	7	27	37	72	77	82
BAT Inds (*494)	420	80	93	—	1	4	—
	460	45	68	—	6	12	—
	500	20	38	50	20	30	33
	550	6	20	28	60	63	65
Brit Telecom (*239)	220	20	28	38	2	5	9
	240	9	17	27	8	15	18
	260	2½	11	15	24	28	30
Cadbury Schwpps (*234)	240	9	20	31	14	18	23
	260	4	12	19	32	34	37
	280	1½	7	—	48	52	—
Guinness (*322)	300	32	48	50	6	18	22
	330	14	23	33	23	35	35
	360	4	13	—	43	45	—
Ladbroke (*419)	373	50	55	—	2	5	—
	403	23	35	52	8	15	18
	443	7	19	25	38	40	45
LASMO (*232)	220	21	30	45	13	19	23
	240	10	22	32	22	28	30
	260	4	13	23	35	39	43
Plessey (*234)	220	21	30	34	6	8	11
	240	9	17	23	13	17	20
	260	2½	10	14	28	30	33
P & O (*588)	550	45	70	—	4	15	—
	600	18	35	53	23	35	42
	650	4	15	28	70	72	75
Racal (*214)	220	11	17	22	14½	19	20
	240	2½	9	14	28	30	33
	260	1	4½	8	48	50	54
RTZ (*908)	700	212	227	245	3	7	12
	750	162	180	204	52	12	22
	800	112	135	160	6	17	32
	850	72	104	130	15	30	42
Vaal Reef (*148)	130	20½	26½	30	4	8¼	11
	140	15½	20½	25½	8	12	15
	150	12	16	22	14	17½	19½

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Dec	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Dec
Barclays (*503)	500	25	40	50	18	25	33
	550	4	17	25	52	57	60
	650	1	5	12	102	107	110
Midland Bank (*585)	550	47	65	82	5	17	20
	600	13	35	55	27	37	42
	650	5	15	28	67	72	76
Lonrho (*290)	220	75	78	—	1½	2	—
	240	55	59	—	2½	4	—
	260	38	44	49	4	7	12
	280	23	30	36	8	14	19
	300	12	21	26	18	23	28

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Beecham (*490)	460	48	65	—	14	25	—
	500	27	40	52	30	40	48
	550	10	22	30	70	72	78
	600	4	10	18	117	118	123
Boots (*280)	280	17	27	37	20	26	31
	300	9	17	28	32	36	41
	330	3	9	—	54	56	—
BTR (*298)	300	17	28	35	16	20	24
	330	6	15	22	37	40	43
	360	2½	7	13	65	65	65
Blue Circle (*790)	700	92	100	117	5	10	18
	750	47	65	83	17	25	33
	800	20	35	58	38	48	58
De Beers (*1340)	1100	290	330	360	25	50	70
	1200	220	270	310	75	85	105
	1300	165	220	270	100	125	160
	1400	130	205	240	140	180	220
Dixons (*365)	381	16	26	—	32	34	—
	390	—	—	34	—	—	42
	420	6	14	22	62	66	68
Glaxo (*1431)	1500	55	105	135	100	120	135
	1550	35	850	115	135	155	170
	1600	23	65	95	180	190	205

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls May	Calls Jun	Calls Jul	Puts Apr	Puts May	Puts Jun	Puts Jul
FT-SE Index (*1928)	1750	180	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
	1800	130	142	—	—	3	14	—	—
	1850	82	102	—	—	6	27	—	—
	1900	43	68	97	120	22	50	60	75
	1950	22	45	72	95	47	75	85	90
	2000	5	25	52	68	87	108	117	125
	2050	2	16	37	52	132	148	153	160
	2100	1	7	25	—	182	193	196	—

April 15, 1987. Total contracts 33680. Calls 20899. Puts 12681. FT-SE Index. Calls: 1396. Puts: 2084

*Underlying security price.

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RIGHTS ISSUE

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At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14 April shareholders authorised the issue of 471,878,091 new shares in connection with the rights issue announced on 10 March. The rights issue documents will be posted to shareholders on 22 April.

The rights shares will be provisionally allotted to those shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders on 22 April in the proportion of one new share for every eight existing shares then held.

Shareholders are reminded that, if they wish to accept the provisional allotment the Provisional Allotment Letter (which will be sent to them on 22 April) and the amount payable on acceptance in Hong Kong dollars must be lodged with the Bank at Level 3, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong not later than 3.00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on 13 May 1987.

As an alternative to the above procedure, shareholders with registered addresses in the United Kingdom may lodge the Provisional Allotment Letter and a remittance for the amount payable on acceptance in Hong Kong dollars (not pounds sterling) drawn on a bank account in Hong Kong, not later than 3.00 p.m. (London time) on 8 May 1987, with National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, who will arrange for them to be lodged on their behalf in Hong Kong.

16 April 1987

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Results for the year ended 31st December 1986

	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
Turnover	**176,643**	156,866
Profit before taxation	**7,514**	4,487
Earnings per share	**12.60p**	8.00p
Dividends per share	**4.00p**	3.65p

Walter LAWRENCE

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Allied-Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
2	SNIA BPB	Chemicals, Plas	
3	Arenson	Industrials A-D	
4	Volex	Electricals	
5	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
6	Bett Bros	Building, Roads	
7	Int Leisure	Leisure	
8	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
9	First Leisure	Leisure	
10	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
12	Br Dredging	Building, Roads	
13	Jones (Ernest)	Drapery, Stores	
14	Bradstock	Insurance	
15	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
16	Mayedie	Finance & Land	
17	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
18	Lep	Industrials L-R	
19	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
20	New London Oil	Oil, Gas	
21	Parkdale	Property	
22	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
23	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
24	Riley Leisure	Leisure	
25	Refuge	Insurance	
26	EMAP	Newspaper,Pubs	
27	Lucas	Motors,Aircraft	
28	Abbey	Building, Roads	
29	Baker Harris	Property	
30	Br Mohair	Textiles	
31	P & O Dfd (aa)	Shipping	
32	Berisford (S & W)	Foods	
33	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
34	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
35	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
36	Gerrard Nat	Banks, Discount	
37	PWS	Insurance	
38	Tozer Kemsley	O'seas Traders	
39	Hickson	Chemicals, Plas	
40	Abaco	Finance & Land	
41	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
42	Hogg Robinson	Insurance	
43	GM Kalgoorli	Mining	
44	RHM (aa)	Foods	

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Weekly Dividend

The weekend game will be played on Good Friday, when the weekly prize will be £16,000. Note your daily totals below

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾	99⅞	Treas 10%	1987	99⅞	10.0	9.754
99⅝	97	Treas 9%	1987	99⅛	9.0	7.955
102¼	95⅞	Treas 12%	1987	101⅛	11.8	9.397
99⅛	97⅛	Treas 7¾%	1988-88	98⅝	7.8	9.164
101⅛	98⅛	Exch 10¾%	1988	100⅛	10.7	9.457
101⅝	98⅛	Treas 9¾%	1988-88	99⅛	9.7	7.365
101⅛	98	Treas 9%	1988	100⅛	8.5	8.922
104¾	95⅛	Treas 11¾%	1989	103⅝	11.1	9.322
102⅝	97⅛	Exch 10%	1989	101⅛	10.3	9.406
107⅝	100	Exch 10¾%	1989	104⅝	9.8	8.963
105⅛	98⅛	Exch 11%	1989	103⅝	10.6	9.355
94⅝	88⅛	Treas 9¾%	1989-89	93⅝	9.8	8.963
101⅛	95⅝	Treas C9¾%	1989	100⅝	9.5	9.280
93⅛	88⅝	Treas 9%	1989	92⅛	9.2	7.068
110⅝	105¼	Treas 13%	1989	109⅛	11.5	9.159
105⅛	99⅛	Exch 12%	1989	104⅛	11.3	9.210
109⅛	99⅛	Exch 12¾%	1990	108⅛	11.5	9.210
89⅝	84⅛	Treas 9%	1990	88⅝	9.4	7.291
98⅛	93⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	97⅝	8.4	9.121
104	97⅛	Treas 9%	1990	103⅛	9.4	8.694
97⅛	90⅝	Exch 9¾%	1990	96⅛	9.9	9.064
109⅛	98⅛	Treas C10%	1991	108⅛	9.4	9.430
105⅝	102¼	Treas 11¾%	1991	107⅛	10.9	9.288
105⅛	98⅝	Exch 12%	1991	104⅛	11.5	9.772
108⅝	100¼	Exch 11%	1991	106⅝	10.3	9.271
88⅛	79⅛	Treas 9%	1991	88⅛	9.5	7.322

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

115⅛	107¼	Treas 12¾%	1992	113⅝	11.2	9.224
105⅛	92¼	Treas 10%	1992	103⅛	9.7	9.273
107⅛	98⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	105⅝	10.0	9.312
115	100⅛	Exch 13¾%	1992	111⅝	11.5	9.409
120	105⅛	Exch 14%	1992	117	11.5	9.469
106⅛	96⅜	Treas 10%	1993	103⅛	9.7	9.335
117⅜	108	Treas 12¾%	1993	114⅝	10.9	9.413
92	81¼	Fund 6%	1993	91⅛	6.6	9.780
124	114	Treas 13¾%	1994	122⅝	11.4	9.479
129⅝	113⅞	Treas 14¼%	1994	128⅝	11.5	9.424
119⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¾%	1994	118⅛	10.8	9.448
123⅛	113⅛	Exch 13¼%	1994	120⅛	11.2	9.468
102	91⅛	Treas 9%	1994	101⅛	8.9	8.910
117⅛	106⅝	Treas 12%	1995	114	10.5	9.415
81¾	73⅛	Gas 9%	1990-95	79⅝	9.8	9.433
108⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1995	105⅝	10.2	9.358
122⅝	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	1995	120⅝	10.7	9.533
130	117⅛	Treas 14%	1996	126⅝	11.1	9.533
101⅛	89⅛	Treas 9%	1992-96	98⅝	9.1	9.233
138⅛	125⅛	Treas 15¼%	1996	134⅝	11.3	9.451
126⅝	114⅛	Exch 13¾%	1996	123⅝	10.7	9.382
88	80	Reinst 3%	1996	86⅝	3.5	
107	96⅛	Conv 10%	1996	103⅛	9.7	9.561
127⅛	115⅛	Treas 13¾%	1997	124⅝	10.7	9.414
118⅝	95	Exch 10¾%	1997	97	9.0	9.284
99⅛	89⅝	Treas 8¾%	1997	96⅝	8.4	9.113
139⅛	125⅛	Exch 15%	1997	136⅝	11.1	9.868
87¾	77⅝	Treas 8¾%	1998-98	86⅝	8.8	9.217
106	94¼	Exch 11%	1998	104⅝	10.6	9.573
145	128⅝	Treas 15¼%	1998	140⅝	10.2	9.454
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 13%	1998	117⅝	10.2	9.453
105⅛	93⅝	Treas 9½%	1998	103⅝	8.5	9.222
133⅛	108⅛	Exch 12¼%	1998	129⅝	10.2	9.535
110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10½%	1999	108⅛	9.7	9.382
130⅛	116⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000	126⅝	10.3	9.491
103⅛	88⅛	Exch 9¾%	2000	101⅛	9.4	9.373
109⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2001	105⅝	9.4	9.391
107⅛	92	Conv 7¾%	2001	104⅝	9.4	9.273
134	120⅛	Treas 14%	1998-01	130	10.8	9.576

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10%	2002	105⅝	9.5	9.574
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 12¼%	2002	104	9.4	9.555
108⅛	93⅛	Treas 10%	2003	106⅝	9.4	9.393
119⅛	94⅛	Treas 10¾%	2003-05	104⅝	9.4	9.555
136⅛	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000-04	134⅝	10.4	9.547
121	105	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	106⅝	9.9	9.346
110⅝	97⅛	Treas 10%	2003-04	106⅝	9.4	9.424
107⅝	91⅛	Fund 9%	1989-04	94⅝	9.5	9.552
106⅝	93⅛	Conv 9¾%	2004	105⅝	9.3	9.217
115⅝	98⅛	Exch 10¾%	2003-05	111⅝	9.6	9.556
131⅛	116⅝	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	127⅝	9.7	9.556
93⅝	82⅛	Treas 8¾%	2003-06	90⅝	9.4	9.552
109⅛	96⅝	Conv 9¾%	2006	107⅝	9.3	9.217
125	110⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	120⅝	9.6	9.556
98⅛	86⅝	Fund 9%	1987-91	93⅝	9.6	7.732
140⅛	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	135⅝	9.7	9.552
100⅛	87⅝	Treas 9%	2008	96⅝	9.3	9.331
89⅛	78⅛	Treas 8%	2008-12	85⅝	9.4	9.411
89⅛	78⅛	Treas 8%	2012-15	85⅝	9.4	9.411
153⅛	117⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	128⅝	9.3	9.155

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45	39⅛	Consols 4%		43⅝	9.2	
40⅝	34⅛	War Ln 3½%		38⅝	9.1	
51⅛	46⅛	Conv 5½%		48⅝	11.3	
35⅞	29⅛	Treas 3%		33⅝	8.9	
29⅛	24⅛	Consols 2½%		27⅛	9.2	
28¼	24⅝	Treas 2½%			9.2	

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129⅛	124⅝	Treas IL 2%	1988	128	2.1	9.497
114⅝	108⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1996	113⅝	2.1	1.793
128⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2001	108⅝	2.5	3.486
131⅛	109⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006	108⅝	2.5	3.468
127⅝	99⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2009	108⅝	2.5	3.468
132⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	108⅝	2.5	3.468
113⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011	109⅝	2.5	3.532
99⅛	85⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2013	91⅝	2.5	3.532
103⅝	92⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2016	99⅝	2.5	3.532
101⅛	90⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	97⅝	2.5	3.532
101⅛	90⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024	97⅝	2.5	3.215
85⅛	80⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2024	82⅝	2.9	3.215

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
233	165	Allied Irish	233	238	+5	9.0b	3.8	6.8
260½	215	Anglocher (Henry)	248	252		15.0	6.0	
261	200	Aus New Z	252					
121⅛	82	Bankamerica	229	235	+2	17.0	7.5	
174	171	Bank Of Ireland	229					
114	111	Bank Leumi Israel	115			17.7	6.9	9.5
238	209	Bank Leumi Uk	235	245		17.7	7.2	9.5
465	365	Bank Of Scotland	445	448	-5	34	4.6	12.1
80	67	Bank Of Wales	77	80	+1b	3.0	3.8	5.7
433	330	Barclays (aa)	390	395		23.0	5.1	9.7
36	26	Binghamsk	35	37		2.0	5.4	9.5
238	185	Brown Shipley	230	235	+5	20.0	7.4	9.2
145	110	Cater Allen	140	145	+5	9.0	4.4	13.2
77	60	Cedes	75	77	-1	3.3	4.4	11.1
356	276	Chase Manhattan	345	350	+14	7.7	2.2	10.4
330	177	Cocoro	330			14.3	4.4	17.4
1115	865	Commercial	1100	1115		50.0	4.5	10.6
1031	800	Deutsche Bank	1015	1030		13	1.3	10.7
347	317	Equity & Gen	340	347		21.1	6.1	10.4
147	142	First Nat Finance	145	147		22.1	15.0	
1040	750	Gerrard Nat	1030	1040	+1	41.0	3.9	10.5
1000	750	Gerrards Peat	1000	1000	+5	28.0	2.8	10.6
1000	750	Hambros	1000	1000	-14	19.1	1.9	10.6
1000	750	Hill Samuel	1000	1000		32.0	3.2	10.5
1000	750	Hong Kong & Sh	1000	1000	+5	18.2	1.8	10.6
1000	750	Joseph (Leopold)	1000	1000		32.5	3.3	10.5
1000	750	Kemp & Shorton	1000	1000	+5	18.2	1.8	10.6
1000	750	Kleinwort Benson	1000	1000	+13	28.0	2.8	10.6
1000	750	Lloyds Bank	1000	1000		32.5	3.3	10.5
1000	750	Mercury Intl	1000	1000	+17	28.0	2.8	10.6
1000	750	Do 6% A	1000	1000		60.0	6.0	
1000	750	Midland Bk	1000	1000	+5	28.0	2.8	10.6
1000	750	Morgan Grenfell	1000	1000	+1	28.0	2.8	10.6
1000	750	Nat Aust Bk	1000	1000		28.0	2.8	10.6

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities bounce back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 6. Dealings end April 24. §Contango day April 27. Settlement day May 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 28.

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
406	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	395	398	+3	14.5	4.0	10.8
966	765	Bass (aa)	853	866	+12	24.2	2.8	15.8
79½	52	Bellhaven	71	71	+1	1.8	1.4	24.6
145	87	Burtington	131	134	-2½	5.2	4.0	14.6
576	375	Brown (Matthew)	555	565	+1	26.0	5.0	19.5
171	97	Buckleys	144	146		4.3	3.0	33.6
208	145	Bulmer (H P)	203	207		7.7	3.7	19.0
711	410	Burtonwood Brew	706	715		19.4	2.7	23.2
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	470	477		12.1	2.5	16.3
234	166	Devenish (J A)	214	224	-1	3.9	1.8	26.6
249½	168	Greenall Whitley	231	233	+1	7.3	3.1	14.6
148	105	Grosvenor King	140	149	+1	4.4	2.9	18.9
576	376	Guinness (aa)	554	556		11.8	2.1	22.2
553	403	Hardys & Hansons	543	552		26.7	4.1	14.3
91	69	Highland Dist	74	76	-1	3.2	4.2	14.5
711	410	Invergordon Dist	706	715	-1	17.5	4.4	11.1
280	145	Irish Dist	150	155		6.5	3.1	
91	77	Marston Thompson	85	87		3.3	2.8	16.4
556	396	Morland	515	525	-2	10.0	1.9	25.3
1000	750	Nat Breweries	1000	1000				
1000	750	Scot & New (aa)	1000	1000	+3	40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Vaux	1000	1000	+14	17.9	3.1	19.7
1000	750	Wadwood 'A' (aa)	1000	1000	+6	11.5	3.1	14.5
1000	750	Do 'B'	1000	1000		11.5	3.1	14.5
1000	750	Whitbread Inv	1000	1000	+2	11.0	3.7	37.9
1000	750	Wolverhampton & D	1000	1000		7.0	2.3	17.4
395	195	Young 'A'	368	378	+10	11.4	3.1	23.7

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	109	Abbey	250	260	-1			
1000	750	Aberdeen Const	1000	1000		11.6	5.2	20.8
215	145	Amec	202	205	+1	17.1	5.1	11.1
52	39	Anglo Utd	44	46	+1	2.2	5.1	17.9
210	158	Ansdell	205	210	+1	2.5	2.1	20.9
1000	750	Arenson	1000	1000	+1	40.0	4.0	13.5
719	358	BPB Ind (aa)	698	702	+22	14.2	2.2	18.1
790	592	Baggeridge Brick	780	790		25.1	3.2	20.8
1000	750	Bailey (Geo) Constr	1000	1000		80.0	8.0	10.4
204	119	Barratt Devs	199	200	+5	11.9	7.1	17.6
1000	750	Bellway	1000	1000		10.7	5.4	10.5
370	194	Berkeley Gp	360	370		3.2	0.9	40.5
1000	750	Bett Bros	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
17½	875	Blackfriars	1000	1000	-1	42.9	2.5	20.8
827	526	Blue Circle	800	810		32.0	4.2	10.0
297	240	Bradford Const 'Tst'	280	290	+4	9.0	3.2	14.8
139	96	Br Dredging	134	135		5.7	4.5	11.5
37	14½	Brown & Jackson	30	31½				7.5
209	80	Bryant	192	197	+4	8.1b	3.9	10.6
18	11	Bunted & Hallam	15	17				1.8
1000	750	Burnett & Hallam	1000	1000	+5	4.7	3.5	21.9
1000	750	Cambridge Const	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Cement-Roadstone	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
219	89	Carter Grp	184	194	+5	5.7	3.0	23.6
1000	750	Costain	1000	1000	-14½	28.01	2.8	9.6
1000	750	Countryside	970	986		31.1	3.2	10.2
153	113	Crouch (David)	150	153		8.5	4.0	10.2
157	125	Douglas (Bill)	150	155		3.9b	3.0	23.5
1000	750	Ecc	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
194	164	Do 'A'	194	197		2.5	1.4	28.5
154	114	Do 'A'	150	154		2.5	1.6	28.5
1000	750	Federated Hsg	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
212	215	Fitzpatrick Gp	212	215	+11	5.7	2.7	15.0
1000	750	Fleming Gp	1000	1000	+1	40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Galliford	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
131	118	Goble & Dandy Ord	131	141	-4	2.8	2.1	23.4
1000	750	Gleeson (M J)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Hanson Inc	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Hellal Bar	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
224	170	Henderson	208	208		10.0	4.5	14.7
1000	750	Hewden-Stuart	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Higgs & Hill	1000	1000	+1	40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Howard Sitet	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Ibstock Johnsen	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Jarvis (J) & Sons	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Kier (J)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Do 'A'	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Lilley (F J)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Lovell (Y J)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Magnet & Southn	1000	1000	+14	7.7	2.5	17.4
1000	750	Marlborough	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	Marley	1000	1000	+1	9.6	4.3	15.6
1000	750	McAlpine (Halfdan)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
1000	750	McAlpine (Alfred)	1000	1000		20.7	4.1	11.5
1000	750	McCarthy & S	1000	1000		4.8	1.1	18.8
1000	750	Mowlem Inv	1000	1000		8.5	2.6	17.5
1000	750	Nuttall (Stanley)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Newton (John)	1000	1000		22.9	5.5	12.0
1000	750	Norwest Hldg	1000	1000		17.9	1.9	20.4
1000	750	Nottingham Brick	1000	1000		11.4	2.9	21.2
1000	750	Pententon	1000	1000		9.0	2.1	15.6
1000	750	Pochin Tember	1000	1000				4.5
1000	750	Pochins	1000	1000		20.0	4.2	13.5
1000	750	RMC Gp (aa)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Rees Inf (aa)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Redland (aa)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Reborrd	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Rugby Cement	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Scottish Newcastle	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Shearer & Parker	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Smart (J)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Tarmac (aa)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Taylor Woodrow	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Tilbury (Contr)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Travis & Arnold	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Tyzack	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Ward (Thomas)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Warrenhurst	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Watson (Donald)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Wates Bros	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Wilkinson Hldgs	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Wilson (Connolly)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
246	120	Wimpey (George)	188	200		6.8	3.4	16.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50½	41	AE20 N/V Reserv	41			4.8	9.8	
2000	1800	Albert Colloids	1900	2000		100	5.0	27.7
330	230	Amersham	320	330		10.5	3.2	27.4
213	177	Anchor Chemical	213	215		9.1	4.2	18.3
245	195	BTP	195	175		7.9b	4.5	20.5
1000	750	Bibby DMSO	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	
180	100	Blagden	172	177		10.3	5.9	17.6
1000	750	Brent Chemm	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Br Borsodi	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Cambrog (W)	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Coates	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Coates Bros	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Do 'A'	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
297	247	Cory (Horace)	297	300		21.4	5.5	13.9
219	182	Crest	215	219				
1000	750	Do Dfd	1000	1000				
1000	750	Elks & Everard	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Evode	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Fisons	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Hickson	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Hoskins DMSO	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Imp Chem Ind	1000	1000	+5	40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Do Dfd	1000	1000				
1000	750	Laporte	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Lonza	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Morris Hydro	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Pirtek	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Rentokil	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Rentokil Hldgs	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Rolfe & Nolan	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Scapa Grp	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Scientific Spectrum	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Wolsteinholme Rem	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Yorkshire Chem	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5

CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
1000	750	Anglia TV 'A'	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Associated TV	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Grampian	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	HTV N/V	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	LWT Hldgs	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Scot TV	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	TSW N/V	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	TVS N/V	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Thames TV	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	TV-AM	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Ulster TV	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
1000	750	Yorkshire TV	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
288	88	Abaco	275	278		5.7	2.1	18.1
1000	750	Appleyard Day	1000	1000		40.0	4.0	13.5
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linaline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.9	119.4⊕	+1.4	16.05
High Inc Equity	116.9	123.3⊕	+0.4	4.22
Worldwide Bond	184.9	197.3		4.28
American Growth	163.3	173.7	-4.4	1.85
Asian Pacific	68.2	72.5	+0.1	3.05
Assets & Earns	140.2	148.1	+0.5	1.58
Capital Reserve	68.9	70.4⊕	+0.1	1.43
Comm & Energy	167.7	178.3⊕	+3.8	0.39
European Capital	94.8	100.8⊕	-0.5	1.26
General	158.7	168.8	+0.8	2.67
Japan	88.6	94.2	-1.2	
UK Growth Inc	142.0	151.0⊕	+0.1	1.17
Do Accum	206.1	219.2⊕	+0.1	0.81
US Emerging Co's	55.4	58.9	-1.6	1.85
Equitas Progress	254.5	270.7	+0.1	2.51
MastersetAcc	79.4	83.3	-0.3	2.11
American Inc	49.9	53.0	-1.9	4.95

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

Australasian	85.6	92.6	+0.3	
Europe Growth Acc	119.4	127.2⊕	-0.5	1.21
Exempt	369.9	391.8	+1.6	4.27
Far Eastern	223.9	238.5⊕	-0.4	0.10
Fin & Prop	78.5	83.2	+0.2	2.69
High Yield	69.5	73.6⊕	+0.2	4.81
Income & Gth	256.9	314.2⊕	+1.0	3.91
Intl Earnings	189.2	200.4⊕	+0.6	2.32
Intl Growth Inc	97.8	104.2⊕	-0.4	0.59
Japan Growth Acc	150.5	161.0	-0.5	0.19
Nat Resources Inc	298.0	315.2⊕	-0.9	
Nth Amer Gth Inc	126.9	135.7	-2.4	0.85
Preference Inc	120.3	127.1⊕	+1.1	9.80
Small Co's Div Inc	81.0	85.8	+0.4	4.05
Small Co's Gth	284.2	301.1	+1.6	1.35
Special Sits Inc	163.2	172.9	-0.4	1.27
UK Grown	382.2	409.1⊕	+2.0	2.59

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

UK Special Sits	221.9	290.2⊕	+1.7	2.76
Growth & Income	153.8	163.0⊕	+0.8	3.15
Capital Trust	257.1	272.5⊕	+1.6	2.72
Balanced	434.1	448.5	+1.9	2.85
Accum Trust	653.6	676.8	+4.1	0.90
American Income	30.4	32.4	-0.8	4.80
High Income Tst	294.5	312.2⊕	+1.4	4.16
Equity Income	169.0	179.1	+0.5	4.18
High Yield	171.3	181.6⊕	+0.5	4.89
Gilt Sinking Trust	29.3	30.5⊕	+0.4	0.00
International	162.2	169.8	+0.5	0.97
Japan Fund	135.1	154.5	+0.4	0.00
Pacific Trust	225.6	240.3	+0.5	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	66.4	70.9⊕	-1.5	1.34
Secs Of Amer Tst	213.4	227.3	-4.2	0.80
Aid Assist Value	280.4	297.2	+0.8	2.22
Secs Of Japan Tst	39.6	42.6⊕		5.62
Smaller Co's	174.2	184.7	-0.2	3.56
2nd Smaller Co's	217.9	231.0⊕	+0.1	1.73
Recovery Trust	101.3	107.4⊕	+0.3	2.41

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20 Creswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

American	48.3	51.4	-1.3	1.92
Australian	29.0	30.0	-0.2	1.33
Japan & General	137.8	146.7	-1.5	0.02
High Income	53.2	56.6	+0.2	5.32
International Trust	97.4	103.7	-0.3	0.74
Income Gth Tst	90.1	95.9	+0.3	3.11
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.8	23.2⊕		9.48
Global Markets	38.2	40.7	+0.3	4.45
Special Situations	59.7	63.6	+0.2	1.57

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	89.0	94.1	-2.1	0.86
Aust Accum	261.2	276.5	+1.2	0.30
Do Income	184.3	195.0	+0.8	0.30
Capital	82.1	85.8	+0.4	2.51
Exempt Trust	520.9	551.2⊕	+2.1	3.53
Extra Income	90.9	96.0⊕	+0.5	2.41
Financial	266.7	281.1		2.79
500	330.6	349.8⊕	+1.1	2.48
General	165.3	174.9⊕	+1.0	2.78
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.5	57.4⊕	+0.3	9.54
Japan & Gen Inc	254.5	297.5⊕	-0.3	0.00
Do Acc	227.1	240.3⊕	-0.2	0.00
Growth Accum	206.6	218.6⊕	+0.3	2.03
Income Trust	402.7	426.1	+1.6	3.41

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9302

Australia	103.0	110.1		0.30*
Eastern	83.3	89.0		0.00
Equity Income	68.9	73.2⊕	+0.9	4.59
Europe	137.4	146.1	-0.3	1.90
Exempt Trust	23.0	24.7⊕	+0.2	0.76
Growth & Inc	72.0	76.5	+0.3	2.97
Global Gth	67.4	71.6	+0.2	2.20
Japan Special	114.6	122.7	-1.1	0.10
Japan Sunrise	105.8	113.1⊕	+0.3	0.00
First Europe	118.8	126.1	-0.4	0.80
First Japan	95.9	102.5	+0.3	0.60
First N Amer	47.7	50.7	-1.0	2.70
First Smaller Co's	89.9	95.8⊕	-0.1	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10 Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-626 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	62.5	66.0	-1.5	0.00
Do Accum	64.3	67.8	-1.5	0.00
European Inc	162.0	167.6	-0.8	1.74
Do Accum	125.9	132.8	-0.8	1.74
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	26.0	27.4⊕	-0.1	1.73
Do Accum	33.5	35.3	-0.1	1.73
General Inc	186.6	207.4	-0.6	1.72
Do Accum	271.7	286.6	-0.8	1.72
Gilt Yield Inc	112.8	118.2	+1.5	10.54
Global Inc	157.7	166.2	+0.1	4.25
Do Accum	269.8	284.6		4.25
Do Accum	197.3	203.3	+2.7	10.54
High Yield Inc	111.2	117.3⊕	-0.7	4.36
Do Accum	227.8	240.3	-1.4	4.36
Int Rec Inc	123.3	130.1	-0.5	1.91
Do Accum	130.2	137.4	-0.6	1.91
Japan Inc	262.5	276.4	-1.2	0.52
Do Accum	264.4	278.5	-1.2	0.52
Japanese Spec Inc	116.4	122.8⊕	-1.0	0.30
Do Accum	117.0	123.4⊕	-1.1	0.30
N American Inc	53.3	56.2	-1.2	0.62
Do Accum	61.0	64.3	-1.4	0.62
Pacific Inc	156.9	165.5⊕	-0.5	0.35
Do Accum	177.5	187.3	-0.4	0.35
Planned Investment	157.7	166.8		3.47
Smaller Co's Inc	112.4	118.6	-0.6	0.79
Do Accum	133.9	141.3	-0.8	0.79
UK Equity Gth Inc	33.9	35.8	-0.2	0.26
Do Accum	56.2	59.3	-0.3	0.26
Worldwide Tech Inc	49.3	52.0	-0.8	0.01
Do Accum	49.8	52.5	-0.8	0.01

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	170.3	181.2⊕	+0.3	2.06
Smaller Co's Acc	357.1	346.2⊕	+4.5	0.79
Do Income	287.5	219.8⊕	+2.0	0.79
High Income	81.6	86.8⊕	+0.2	5.08
Income	98.6	181.7⊕	+0.4	3.43
Man Portfolio Inc	86.8	92.3	+0.3	2.25
Do Acc	147.0	156.4	+0.6	2.25
North American	60.8	64.5	+1.0	1.38
Orient	94.2	100.2	-0.2	0.29
Exempt	235.4	250.6	+0.2	2.08
Recovery	66.2	70.1	+1.1	1.21
German	30.2	32.3	+0.3	0.48
Technology	144.8	154.0⊕	-1.2	0.59
Europe	23.0	24.7⊕	-0.2	0.76

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	61.9	65.8⊕		2.00
General Inc (4)	288.6	305.5		1.66
Do Accum (4)	488.0	462.0		1.66
Income Fund (3)	134.5	130.5⊕	-3.4	4.40
Do Accum (3)	228.7	237.6⊕	-1.6	4.40
Intl Inc (2)	150.2	157.1		0.90
Do Accum (2)	200.3	209.6		0.90
Smaller Inc (5)	85.8	89.8⊕		1.25
Do Accum	91.4	96.5⊕		1.25

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO
01-621 0011

Capital	421.4	445.4⊕	+0.5	1.56
Income	337.2	358.8⊕	+1.8	4.42
North American	304.7	324.2⊕	+5.9	0.77

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	484.3	●		3.90
Fixed Int	147.75			9.99
Deposit	100.0			10.55

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	443.48			4.40
Accum	£13.2437		-	-
Deposit	100.0			9.65

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373883

Amer Growth	24.4	25.9⊕	-0.9	1.90
Dragon Growth Fund	34.0	35.8	+0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	83.7	88.9⊕	+0.1	3.60
European Growth	38.8	32.9	-0.1	2.80
General Equity	48.0	51.9		2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.4	33.1	+0.4	9.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.6⊕	+0.3	9.50
Intl Inc Trst	29.1	29.6⊕	+0.1	0.00
Japan Growth	43.5	45.0	+0.1	0.00
Pelagree Gth	29.4	31.2	+0.1	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

UK & Gen Inc	55.7	59.3	+0.1	2.75
Do Accum	55.7	59.3	+0.1	2.75
Income Inc	55.6	59.4	+0.1	4.69
Do Accum	55.6	59.4	+0.1	4.69
Worldwide Inc	52.6	56.2		1.91
Do Accum	53.3	56.8		1.91

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

E uro G rth S trat	75.8	79.7	-0.2	0.57
Extra Income	211.9	224.3⊕	+1.5	3.92
Financial	213.6	226.1⊕	+1.5	2.62
Gen Smlr Asia Gth	79.8	83.4⊕	-1.9	1.82
Growth Investment	344.5	364.3	+3.3	2.10
Income & Growth	50.3	53.2	+0.2	3.71
Japanese Growth	274.9	290.8	+0.3	0.00
Nth Amer Growth	115.1	121.9	-2.2	0.69
Intl Recovery	148.1	156.7	-0.1	1.39
Smaller Co's	292.7	309.8	+0.5	1.20
Global Inc Tst	84.3	89.1⊕	-0.4	5.43
Special Sits Acc	360.7	381.7	-1.3	1.19

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
01-486 5033

American Trust	135.5	144.3	-3.6	0.69
European Trust	123.7	133.7⊕	-0.5	
Growth Trust	260.7	285.6	+1.2	2.92
High Income Trust	259.9	274.9⊕	+1.2	4.73
Intl Tech Trust	124.2	132.1	-1.2	
Japanese Trust	188.0	201.1⊕	+1.8	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Regate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

UK Income	57.3	61.0⊕	+0.5	4.72
UK Growth Accum	67.1	71.8⊕	+0.5	2.41
Do Dist	59.4	63.5⊕	+0.5	2.41
European Growth	63.5	67.6	-0.5	1.85
Pacific Growth	65.8	71.3	-2.1	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	69.2	73.7	-1.6	1.36
Capital Fund	132.8	141.4	+0.7	1.30
Eurofund	27.1	28.8	-0.1	1.74
Growth & Inc Fund	161.7	172.2	+1.0	3.63
High Dist Fund	143.2	152.5	+1.4	4.43
International Fund	227.2	241.9	+1.4	0.93
Pacific Fund	24.2	25.7	-0.2	0.98
Resources Fund	32.9	35.1⊕	-0.5	0.00
Smlr Mid Co's Fd	31.1	33.1	-0.5	
Tokyo Fund	226.7	241.4	+0.9	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	141.1	149.2⊕		2.97
(Ex) Japan (3)	131.4	139.0		0.00
(Ex) Pacific (4)	274.7	295.0⊕	+11.9	0.24
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	187.1	192.2	-0.2	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Spin Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	85.9	91.1	+0.3	2.60
Do Accum	86.0	93.4	+0.3	2.54
UK Growth Accum	116.2	123.3	+0.5	1.98
UK High Inc Inc	89.5	95.0	+0.4	5.37
N American Accum	73.6	78.5	-1.5	0.88
Far Eastern Accum	130.9	138.6	+0.7	0.73
European Accum	89.2	95.1	-0.9	1.31
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	56.8	60.3	+0.3	9.43
Do Accum	60.5	64.2	+0.6	7.83
Intl Spec Sit Acc		50.0		

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-68966

Endurance	127.5	135.7	-1.9	0.97

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Wilson Street Ayesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	90.7	95.5⊕	+0.3	2.83
High Income Trust	90.1	95.9	+0.4	4.82
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.6	87.3	+0.4	7.35
Tst Of Inv Trusts	83.1	88.5		1.75
Special Sits Trust	95.1	101.2	+0.6	2.17
Nth Amer Trust	82.0	86.0	-1.4	1.51
Far Eastern Trust	106.2	113.2	+0.3	0.26
Intl Growth	58.4	62.2	-0.2	0.89

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	176.7	187.9⊕	+0.6	2.82
Do Income	148.6	158.1⊕	+0.7	2.82
Higher Inc Accum	208.2	225.7⊕	+1.1	3.91
Do Income	208.4	252.7⊕	+0.4	3.91
Gilts/Fixed Accum	109.4	111.9⊕	+1.5	8.14
Do Income	85.6	90.1⊕	+1.2	8.14
Nth Amer Tst Accum	143.1	152.2⊕	+0.4	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	189.4	201.4⊕	-0.7	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	165.7	176.2	-1.2	0.72
General Trust	271.7	289.0⊕	+0.3	2.92

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Poultney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	68.3	72.7	-2.0	0.20
UK Income Fund	82.5	86.9⊕	+0.2	4.92
Far Eastern Fund	79.6	84.7	+0.3	0.00
Overseas Income	72.6	78.3	-0.2	9.48
Fixed Interest	82.5	86.5	+0.3	9.72

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Natural Res Fund	74.7	79.5	-0.5	2.16
European Income	93.2	99.2	+0.6	2.86
Financials Fund	82.2	88.5	-0.1	2.68
Intl Tech Fund	119.1	126.8⊕	-1.4	0.16

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Amer Gth Inc	23.5	25.0		
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Capital Growth Inc	68.9	71.2⊕	+0.4	1.51
Do Accum	78.0	83.1⊕	+0.5	1.51
European	268.1	285.2⊕	-7.5	0.65
Euro Inc Tst	48.2	51.3	-0.8	4.44
Euro Smaller Co's	113.1	120.3	-0.1	0.10
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Do Accum	342.8	365.1	+1.0	2.80
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Everyone who is advertising in these pages has a problem. It's a problem that very many managers would be very pleased to have, but a problem nevertheless – not enough high-quality employees to service a growing organization.

For business located in the South-East of England the difficulties are familiar enough. A successful company means more business and this results in more pressure, increasing salaries, high staff turnover and a real danger of being unable to service clients and to meet orders. A radical solution is needed and relocation could well be an easier solution than many people think.

It is fairly well known that development areas such as ours offer substantial grants to companies planning a move and there is a great temptation for people in my position to talk only about development grants and the idea of moving to a development area purely, as it were, on price. But I believe that areas such as Northern Ireland would be good places in which to locate a business even if there were no financial inducements at all.

Of course, Northern Ireland does have one special problem. The troubles have given the region an image of unrest but it is hard to appreciate until you visit the province that these problems are very localized and have not impinged significantly on the business environment or the economic opportunity that the region offers. In fact, at a time when crime rates are rising throughout the UK, the level of violence and crime in Northern Ireland – which includes terrorist incidents – is well below the national average.

Then there is the misconception about the nature of unemployed people that suggests that some of those who are out of work are for some reason unemployable.

The experience in Ulster, however, would not be untypical of other development areas. We have the legacy of textile and clothing industries where workers have a level of skill and dexterity that has adapted particularly well to high-technology manufacturing. This is a potential labour force with a real sense of responsibility and a desire to forge a loyal relationship with a good employer.

All the development areas have a basic surplus of labour. In Northern Ireland, where unemployment has been particularly high, we have had to pay particular attention to training workers in those skills most needed by employers and in having the basic training facilities in place to be able to respond flexibly to the requirements of incoming employers.

It is particularly significant that we actually have a surplus in computing and engineering and most of them are keen to stay in Northern Ireland. With a population of only 1.5 million, we have 17,000 students and every year we produce 650 graduates in computing and engineering, far in excess of the demand for local industry.

Many of these graduates do, of course, leave the province for mainland Britain or even further afield, but Northern Ireland people value their way of life and prefer to develop a career within their own region.

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But perhaps the biggest question of all for any firm considering developing its activities in a new location is whether its key workers will be prepared to move with their families. The development areas of the UK have just as much to offer in terms of lifestyle advantages as they can offer by way of cost and productivity advantages.

Here, too, Northern Ireland is no exception. House prices are less than half those in the London suburbs but are still rising in a healthy market. This means that a manager in the Home Counties with a modest semi could typically find himself living in a substantial detached home with half an acre of land in pleasant countryside. Still a good investment but a first-class environment for a family.

And this brings us to the subject of schools. Briefly, the statistics are that the pupil-teacher ratio is 15-1; 21 per cent of children go on to further or higher education (the figure is 13 per cent on the mainland); and up to 30 per cent of children pass the 11-plus, an examination that has been retained.

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John Dowdall: The unrest has had little effect on Ulster's opportunities

The development areas can offer as much in lifestyle advantages as in economic benefits



John Dowdall is deputy chief executive of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland

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2.0 FEILDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £9,208: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

101	(9)		120-	ARABIAN SHEIK 173 (G) (O Phipps) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery ● 99
102	(2)		010-	DRY DOCK 173 (F) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0	W Carson 80
103	(8)		1-	LEGAL BID 170 (G) (W Farish III) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen 97
104	(7)		10-	TWEETER 170 (F) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0	NON-RUNNER 80
105	(11)		3-	CATHEDRAL PEAK 187 (P Deal) M Usher 8-11	M Wigham 81
106	(5)		02-	*CHESHAM SQUIRE 175 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 8-11*	*B Thomson* 98
108	(4)		43-	INCINDERATOR 204 (F Sahadi) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn 94
109	(6)		231201-	LAST DANCE 197 (F) (J Norman) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse 85
112	(3)		3-	WATER BOATMAN 182 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen 83

BETTING: 7-4 Legal Bid, 9-2 Arabian Sheik, 13-2 Chesham Squire, 7-1 Incinderator, 15-2 Water Boatman, 10-1 Dry Dock, Last Dance, 12-1 Cathedral Park.

1985: FLYING TRIO 9-4 Pat Eddery (3-1) L Cumani 11 ran

FORM ARABIAN SHEIK (9-0) was a little disappointing in the Doncaster Futurity but still ran respectably to finish 6¼l 5th to Reference Point (9-0) (1m group I, £44120, good to soft, Oct 25, 10 ran).
LEGAL BID (8-11) made a spectacular debut at Nottingham in October beating Tiquegrean 7l (1m 50yd, £3767, good, Oct 28, 19 ran). Should improve further.
CATHEDRAL PEAK (8-11) 2l 3rd to Tarrufle (9-6) in slowly-run race at Ascot (7f, £9646, good to firm, Oct 11, 6 ran).
CHESHAM SQUIRE (8-9) finished head 2nd to Naheez (9-0) at Newbury (7f 60yd group III, £33480, Oct 23, 7 ran).
INCINDERATOR should stay this trip and be winning soon judged on 2l Sandown 3rd (8-11) to Love The Groom (8-11) (7f, £3515, good to firm, Sep 24, 6 ran).
WATER BOATMAN looks sure to improve on a 2¼l Newmarket 3rd (9-0) to Lady Bentley (8-11), winner since, (1m, £4643, good, Oct 16, 16 ran).
Selection: ARABIAN SHEIK

2.35 REMY MARTIN XO MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O C & G: £3,658: 7f) (20 runners) C 4

201	(19)		0-	AMWAJ 295 (F Salman) H Candy 9-0	W Newnes —
202	(8)		3-	SAY WINDOW 310 (Lord Derby) J Winter 9-0	W R Swinburn 72
203	(4)		0-	BRIGADIER THWAITES 171 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 9-0	B Thomson —
204	(20)			CHIMES OF THE DAWN (C Cyzer) M Usher 9-0	M Wigham —
205	(16)		0-	CROWN RIDGE 211 (I Allan) C Wall 9-0	R Guest —
206	(11)			DOMUS (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery —
208	(7)			FILL MY GLASS (R Shannon) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane —
209	(9)		30-	GO HENRI 217 (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson 76
210	(5)			GUN RULE (H Joel) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen —
212	(10)			KATANACHIO (B Hamoud) G Huffer 9-0	M Lynch (5) —
214	(6)			*LAOCHAIL (G Tong) R Armstrong 9-0*	*P Tulk* —
215	(13)		000-	MARQUEE CAFE 222 (W Gelf) D Lang 9-0	C Booth (7) —
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217	(2)			PICHRICO (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts —
218	(16)		02-	PONDERED BID 171 (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield 84
219	(3)		4-	PRINCE BOCA 181 (J Moore) A Stewart 9-0	— ● 99
220	(15)		0-	ROMANTIC PRINCE 167 (I Allan) C Wall 9-0	T Lucas 79
222	(17)			SLEUTH (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-0	M Hills —
223	(1)			STORM FORCE (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen —
224	(14)		204-	WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE 205 (J Wright) G Huffer 9-0	G Carter 77

BETTING: 7-2 Storm Force, 4-1 Gun Rule, 6-1 Pondered Bid, 8-1 Bay Window, Prince Boca, 10-1 Domus, 12-1 Fill My Glass, One Man Band, 14-1 others.

1986: NIGHT OUT PERHAPS 9-0 P Robinson (4-1 jt-fav) G Wragg 18 ran

FORM BAY WINDOW was one-paced on debut when (9-0) 9l 3rd to Domino Fire (8-11) at Goodwood (6f, £870, good to firm, Jun 10, 16 ran).
GO HENRI given plenty to do and not disgraced on 2nd start when (9-0) 9l 7th to Sharp Victor (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £1670, firm, Sep 11, 13 ran).
GUN RULE, an unraced representative of Henry Cecil, is a half-brother to the useful miler Brave Owen by the top-class miler and above-average sire Posse.
PONDERED BID looked to have plenty of potential when (9-0) 3l 2nd to Bracorina (8-11) in a Lingfield maiden (7f, £1797, heavy, Oct 27, 14 ran).
PRINCE BOCA probably has best form of these, namely a (9-0) 2l 4th to Aglaaini (8-11) in a competitive maiden here (6f, £5293, good, Oct 17, 24 ran).
WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE has something to find on (9-0) a 2¼l 4th to Assulton (9-0) at Leicester (7f, £2808, firm, Sep 23, 13 ran).
Selection: PRINCE BOCA

3.10 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE CRAVEN STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O C & G: £15,065: 1m) (6 runners) C 4

301	(3)		111-	AJDAL 181 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn ● 99
302	(1)		4111-	DON'T FORGET ME 216 (F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery 92
303	(5)		210101-	GULF KING 186 (D,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0	— 82
306	(4)		11033-	GENGHIZ 181 (F,G) (P Wetzel) L Piggott 8-9	T Ives 97
307	(2)		213-	*LOVE THE GROOM 173 (F)(Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9*	*W Carson* 86
308	(5)		110-	MOST WELCOME 194 (G) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-9	Paul Eddery 89

BETTING: 6-5 Ajdal, 4-1 Don't Forget Me, 6-1 Genghiz, 8-1 Gulf King, Love The Groom, 10-1 Most Welcome.

1985: DANCING BRAVE 8-7 G Starkey (11-8 fav) G Harwood 11 ran

FORM AJDAL, unbeaten as a two-year-old and favourite for this year's 2,000 Guineas, finished last season with a (9-0) ¾l beating of Shady Heights in the Dewhurst (7f group I, £39165, good, Oct 17, 5 ran), with GENGHIZ (9-0) *just over 2l 3rd.*
DON'T FORGET ME improved steadily throughout last season culminating in a (9-0) ½l victory over Deputy Governor (9-0) in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f group II, £36108, good to firm, Sep 12, 9 ran).
LOVE THE GROOM, 7l winner at Sandown, put up best effort on final start when (9-0) 5¼l 3rd to Reference Point (9-0) in the Futurity at Doncaster (1m Group I, £44120, good, Oct 25, 10 ran).
MOST WELCOME, disappointing favourite in the Middle Park (6f) here in October, better judged on earlier (8-7) length victory over Ongoing Situation (8-13) in a nursery, also here (6f, £10316, good, Aug 23, 6 ran).
Selection: AJDAL.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (S-bl)inkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Owing to technical difficulties, today's National Hunt cards are without the "days since last outing" and "going on which horse has won" information.

3.40 REMY MARTIN HANDICAP (£4,503: 1m 4f) (10 runners) C 4

401	(6)		200/000-	KUBLAI 301 (D,G) (Mrs S Khan) L Holt 5-10-0	B Rouse 68
402	(1)		00/1031-	ALMAARAD 201 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-10	Pat Eddery 86
403	(2)		11214-2	GULFLAND 19 (D,F,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G P-Gordon 5-9-2	Abigail Richards (7) ● 89
404	(7)		232102-	AUCTION FEVER 255 (D,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-1	C Asmussen 84
405	(4)		4/020-	*ILE DE ROI 258 (L Holliday) H Candy 4-8-7*	*W Newnes* 89
406	(9)		04410-3	SARONICOS 21 (D,F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-5	M Roberts 81
407	(5)		42031-2	OSRIC 13 (D,F,G) (R Scott) M Ryan 4-8-3	P Robinson 97
408	(6)		000000-	VOUCHSAFE 181 (D,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Ham 5-8-1	W Carson 89
410	(10)		020-00	TRANSCENDENCE 21 (J Philpot, inr) B Hanbury 4-7-7	T Williams 91
411	(3)		000113-	JURISPRUDENCE 211 (F,G) (R Sangster) J W Watts 4-7-7	L Charnock 91

BETTING: 9-2 Almaarad, 5-1 Jurisprudence, 11-2 Auction Fever, Gulfland, 6-1 Osric, Saronicos, 8-1 Ile de Roi, Transcendence, 10-1

1986: PUBBY 5-9-2 G Duffield (7-1) J Toller 10 ran

FORM ALMAARAD, who tends to get worked up in the preliminaries, was most impressive when (8-8) beating Wesheam (8-8) 2l with SARONICOS (7-5) ½l farther back in 4th and VOUCHSAFE (8-11) well below form and a distant 6th, (Ascot 1m 4f, £7503, good to firm, Sep 27, 10 ran).
SARONICOS just needed the race on reappearance and ran particularly well (8-8) to be 3rd to Regal Steel (8-0) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3366, good to soft, Mar 28, 14 ran).
GULFLAND also ran well on reappearance (8-10) to be ½l 2nd to Geordie's Delight (8-13) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £8647, soft, Mar 28, 9 ran).
ILE DE ROI, from a stable in form, has a big reputation but only justified it once last season when (9-0) 4l 2nd to Ship Of State (9-0) with SARONICOS (9-0) a one-paced 4¾l 3rd, (Newbury 1m 3f, £3867, good to firm, Jul 19, 17 ran).
OSRIC, fit from hurdling, ran up to best on *reappearance (9-7) finishing ¾l 2nd to Milton Burn* (8-10) at Kempton (1m 4f, £3272, soft, Apr 3, 13 ran).
TRANSCENDENCE last showed form when (8-7) 5l 2nd to Gull Nook (8-4) at York (1m 2f, £3603, good, May 13, 9 ran).
Selection: SARONICOS

4.10 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,721: 6f) (13 runners) C 4

501	(3)		00120-1	FOURWALK 21 (D,F,S) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 9-11 (7ex)	R Hills 91
502	(6)		022010-	TUFTY LADY 188 (D,F) (Mrs S Hinde) R Armstrong 9-7	W Carson 80
505	(11)		0201-	START-RITE 232 (D,G) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-2	T Ives 95
506	(13)		441102-0	ROCK MACHINE 21 (BF,F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-0	Pat Eddery 92
507	(2)		0221-	KNOCKIN' EXPRESS 166 (D,G) (W Joyce) G Huffer 9-0	G Carter 84
508	(1)		1040-	COUNT TREVISIO 251 (S) (M Hartley) R Sheather 8-13	A Shoults (3) 82
509	(7)		010-	CAPTAIN HOLLY 173 (D,G) (S Brewer) P Makin 8-11	T Quinn 87
510	(9)		444044-	OUR FREDDIE 198 (T Mills) D Wilson 8-10	W Newnes 78
512	(8)		314100-	JAY GEE ELL 363 (D,F,G) (A Fiber) E Eldin 8-10	A Mackay 84
513	(4)		43202-0	MAD MAX 10 (BF) (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-8	T Williams 85
514	(10)		221414-	SHADES OF NIGHT 194 (D,F,S) (P Nurse) J Winter 8-7	— 82
515	(5)		02210-	KEPT WAITING 173 (F) (Mrs R Beckwith) W Musson 8-2	M Wigham 88
517	(12)		000001-	SPITZABIT 164 (D,G) (Mrs C Reed) *Pat Mitchell 7-11*	*R Fox* ● 99

BETTING: 5-1 Fourwalk, 11-2 Rock Machine, Start-Rite, 6-1 Captain Holly, 15-2 Knockin' Express, 8-1 Jay Gee Ell, Spitzabit, 10-1 Mad Max, 12-1 others.

1986: MAJOR JACKO 7-10 D McKay (50-1) R Hannon 15 ran

FORM FOURWALK (9-7) *beat Bluemede (8-10), winner since, 2½l at Doncaster,* with ROCK MACHINE (9-3) another 3¾l 5th (5f, £3837, good to soft, Mar 28, 16 ran).
ROCK MACHINE better judged on head 2nd (8-1) to Supreme Rose (7-13) at Newbury, with Goodwood winner CAPTAIN HOLLY (8-4) 3¼l away 8th (6f, £4585, soft, Oct 25, 17 ran). FOURWALK (8-3) was 10th.
START-RITE (9-0) beat subsequent dual winner *Lucayan Knight (9-0) 1¾l at Yarmouth, with good horses At Risk, Girotondo and Hydraulic Power* farther behind (6f, £1712, good, Aug 27, 7 ran).
KNOCKIN' EXPRESS (9-0) made most, then rallied again on the line, to beat Munawar (9-0) a neck at Doncaster (6f, £1176, good, Nov 7, 23 ran).
SPITZABIT (8-11) showed vastly improved form when winning Folkestone claimer by ¾l from In Fat City (8-11), and may be well handicapped on that run (6f, £969, good, Nov 3, 20 ran).
Selection: SPITZABIT

4.40 EBF STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O C & G: £2,567: 5f) (13 runners)

601	(3)			ALDANE (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-0	Pat Eddery —
602	(7)			AQUARIAN PRINCE (Mrs P Meynet) R Casey 9-0	S Cauthen —
603	(2)			BOLD PETER (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0	M Beaner —
604	(12)			COLMORE ROW (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond —
606	(8)			DOCTOR RHYTHM (A Anderson) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	W Hood —
607	(13)			GALLIC LEAGUE (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen —
608	(6)			GHIRARDELLI SQUARE (A Heiniss) P Feilden 9-0	G Duffield —
609	(11)			GREENS MASTERPIECE (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) L Piggott 9-0	T Ives —
610	(10)			HIGH AND PROPER (D Jenanto) E Eldin 9-0	NON-RUNNER —
611	(1)			INSPIRATION (M Jaye) R J Williams 9-0	R Cochrane —
612	(4)			*MARLEY SUPALITE (Marley Roof Tile Co Ltd) M Haynes 9-0*	*P Cook* —
613	(9)			MR TAYLOR (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 9-0	M Rimmer —
614	(5)			NATIVE KNIGHT (G Beccle) J Winter 9-0	W R Swinburn —

BETTING: 11-4 Aldane, 4-1 Colmore Row, Gallic League, 6-1 Aquarian Prince, 8-1 Greens Masterpiece, 10-1 Inspiration, Marley Supalite, Native Knight, 12-1 Bold Peter, 14-1 others.

1986: MISTER MAJESTIC 9-0 R Cochrane (4-1) R Williams 4 ran

ALDANE (foaled May 15) is not fashionably bred but comes from a stable who does well with juvenile sprinters. Significant jockey engagement.
BOLD PETER (Apr 8, bought for 22,000gns) comes from the same yard as ALDANE and although an earlier foal looks the second string.
COLMORE ROW (Feb 6), out of an Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, is by Mummy's Pet, a leading sire of two-year-olds. Stable won here yesterday with full-sister, Note Book.
GALLIC LEAGUE (Mar 24, 24,000gns) represents the powerful Sangster-Hills combination and is by a sire who produces numerous fast juveniles. His dam was a two-year-old winner over 7f.
GREENS MASTERPIECE (Feb 8, 41,000 gns) *is the second oldest colt in the race and should be fit to do* himself justice as the stable is in good form.
INSPIRATION (Feb 27, 26,000gns) is by Dominion, a leading sire of two-year-olds in recent years, out of a sister to top-class sprinter Runnett. Stable won this race last year.
Selection: INSPIRATION

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	75	309	24.3
M Stoute	49	300	16.3
W Hern	32	197	16.2
W O'Gorman	23	160	14.4
H Candy	16	112	14.3
G Harwood	43	304	14.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	78	513	15.2
W R Swinburn	47	332	14.2
Pat Eddery	60	425	14.1
W Carson	56	450	12.4
M Hills	20	211	9.5
T Ives	41	431	9.5

RACING

Ajdal can enhance his Guineas prospects in tough Newmarket trial

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Ajdal, the long-time favourite for this year's 2,000 Guineas, makes his eagerly-awaited seasonal debut in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes at Newmarket today on what should be perfect ground after four drying days.

The last time I saw him was October when he won the group one Dewhurst Stakes on the July course, just a few hundred yards across the heath from where he will be racing this afternoon.

While not everyone was smitten with his performance that day, I thought that it had all the hallmarks of a future Guineas winner and I stand by *that opinion now, especially* as I know that he blew heavily for a long while after the Dewhurst. That may explain why he was beginning to tie up towards the end — a little earlier his superiority had been so marked that it bordered on being brilliant.

In the Dewhurst, Ajdal finished 2¼ lengths ahead of Genghiz. So, on 5lb better terms now, Lester Piggott's *runner has at least a theoretical* chance of beating Ajdal. However, following the victories of Shadeed and Dancing Brave, I am looking to this particular trial to pinpoint another classic winner with the name of Ajdal napped on the signpost in this instance.

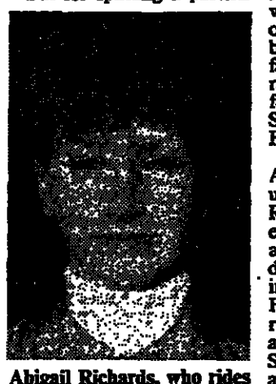
While Risk Me could hardly have been more impressive than he was when winning the Greenham Stakes at Newbury last Saturday, the combination of good ground and sound opposition promises to make today's trial more *informative.*

For, in addition to Genghiz, Don't Forget Me, Gulf King, Love The Groom and Most Welcome oppose Ajdal here. The most dangerous of this quartet may be Don't Forget Me, who looked so admirably tough when winning the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster in September.

When all is said and done, though, they were only up to winning group two races in the main last season whereas Ajdal attained championship standard when he won the Dewhurst. I will be both surprised and disappointed if he has lost the edge in the meticulous hands of his gifted trainer, Michael Stoute.

Earlier in the afternoon, Stoute's arch Newmarket rival Henry Cecil will take the wraps off one of his principal classic hopes when he saddles Legal Bid for the Feilden Stakes.

But for splitting a pastern earlier as a two-year old and then running a temperature before what was intended to be his first race, we would have known much more about this young half-brother to that good colt Law Society. As it is we have only an easily gained success at Nottingham in October to go by.



Abigail Richards, who rides Gulfland, the unanimous selection of our experts for today's 3.40 at Newmarket

Afterwards, however, both Cecil and Cauthen commented that he could turn out to be as good as anything in the stable. As they have not got where the are today by mistaking geese for swans, it is only right to take Legal Bid very seriously indeed and he is preferred to the Futurity flop *Arabian Sheik,* Incinderator, Chesham Squire and Water Boatman.

Twelve months ago local trainer Geoff Wragg came up with the answer to the question posed by the Remy Martin XO Maiden Stakes when Night Out Perhaps obliged. Now I am led to believe that he has another fancied runner in the same race in Domus, who is the first foal of the 1,000 Guineas and Sussex Stakes winner, On The House, by Kalaglow.

Gulfland, who gave Princess Anne her first taste of success under rules when he won at Redcar last August, goes equally well for Abigail Richards. Now they should prove a difficult combination to beat in the Remy Martin Cognac Handicap following that good run behind Geordie's Delight at Doncaster. At Newbury last Saturday their conqueror was anything but disgraced when he contested the John Porter Stakes and finished second to Rakaposhi King.

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 The Demon Barber. 2.45 Run Leah Run. 3.15 Baby Sigh. 3.45 Kavaka. 4.15 Primrose Wood. 4.45 Le Soir.

Going: good

2.15 BREADALBANE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (15 runners)

2	13			THE DEMON BARBER (D,BF) G Richards 5-11-6 P Tuck
3	-0PU			AULD YUD Mrs A Ball 6-10-12 —
4	P-00			COMMITMENT P Charlton 5-10-12 K Cotter (7)
5	0000			DON RUNI Denys Smith 5-10-12 C Grant
6	0/4-0			GOLD LAMB (B) V Thompson 6-10-12 Mr M Thompson (4)
7	-00F			RESIDENCE J Johnson 6-10-12 R Morley (7)
8				LOTHIAN ADMIRAL W Crawford 5-10-12 —
9	P-0			PRINCE REEF J Norton 5-10-12 Mr C N Smith (7)
10	20			ROCKMARTIN (BF) C Thornton 5-10-12 D Wilkinson
11	F			SEVEN CLUBS N Waggott 7-10-12 J D Doyle (4)
13	4000			THE CIDER AND BUN W Storey 7-10-12 —
15	F034			TREVELLO I Jordon 7-10-12 B Storey
17	0/0			HORSESHOE BAY T Jeffrey 7-10-7 Mr T Jeffrey
18	0000			POLITICAL PROSPECT Mrs J Goodfellow 5-10-7 —
19	0000			RAINBEAM Mrs J Weir 6-10-7 —

6-4 The Demon Barber, 5-2 Rockmartin, 9-2 Trevello, 8-1 Don Runi, 12-1 Seven Clubs, 14-1 The Cider And Bun, 16-1 others.

2.45 CRIEFF NOVICE CHASE (£1,225: 3m) (11)

3	1U3F			RUN LEAH RUN R Fisher 6-11-7 J D Doyle (4)
4	F0F0			YELLOW STAG R Francis 7-11-2 S J O'Neill
5	30P4			CAMROC W A Stephenson 7-11-0 Mr P Johnson (7)
7	P000			DUN ROLFE N Waggott 7-11-0 Miss T Waggott (7)
8	0U0U			FINE STEEL (B) B McLean 9-11-0 —
9	0040			*KINGS KETCHUP J Charlton 8-11-0 P Dennis (4)*
11	400P			PANEGYRIST C Alexander 12-11-0 —
13	3FUF			PROVERITY J Edwards 6-11-0 T Morgan
16	P-P			SNACKLE LAD J Norton 12-11-0 J Mogford
17	0030			DIZZY DORA Miss Z Green 7-10-8 J O'Gorman (7)
18	0UFU			GOODFELLOW'S FOLLY I Jordon 9-10-8 B Storey

6-4 Run Leah Run, 7-2 Kings Ketchup, 5-1 Camroc, 7-1 Yellow Stag, 10-1 Proverity, 12-1 Panegyrist, 16-1 others.

3.15 CHARLES CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£890: 2m) (11)

1	0000			TROMEROS (C,D) Denys Smith 5-11-10 C Grant
3	3103			TOT (CD) J Charlton 7-11-5 C Dennis (7)
5	2030			NIGHT GUEST (D) P Monteith 5-11-3 D Nolan
7	-002			BABY SIGH (BF) R Francis 5-11-2 S J O'Neill
8	4023			DARK TRIX (BF) J Johnson 7-10-13 R Morley (7)
9	0202			MOONDAWN (CD,BF) K Stone 6-10-12 A Stringer
13	0420			KELSEY LADY (D) J Haldane 9-10-4 P Dennis (4)
15	4/00			MULATA (B) D Moffatt 8-10-3 K Teelan
17	04U0			CHI MAI (B,D) J Norton 7-10-0 Mr C N Smith (7)
18	0/00			GRAY HEAT W Storey 9-10-0 —
19	0000			SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (CD) R Allan 6-10-0 J O'Gorman (7)

2-1 Baby Sigh, 3-1 Moondawn, 8-2 Tot, 5-1 Dark Trix, 8-1 Kelsey Lady, 12-1 Chi Mai, 14-1 Tromeros, 16-1 others.

3.45 BREADALBANE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (14)

2	3221			TREYARNON (D) P Monteith 5-11-5 D Nolan
3	0340			EAST PARK N Waggott 7-10-12 Miss T Waggott (7)
4	0042			KAVAKA (BF) G Moore 5-10-12 M Hammond
5	F141			KELLY'S INN (D) D Moffatt 7-10-12 *Amanda Glendinning (7)*
6	0000			KING HARRY R Goldie 5-10-12 —
9	0022			SERGIADES (B) V Thompson 6-10-12 Mr M Thompson (4)
11	0000			WAVERLEY MILL G Richards 6-10-12 P Tuck
13	P			FIRE STAR T Goldie 7-10-7 —
14				FLYING TEE I Jordon 9-10-7 *B Storey*
15	-040			FRAGANT CALAMITY Miss Z Green 5-10-7 —
17	00-			PONGEE'S GIRL Miss Z Green 5-10-7 . J O'Gorman (7)
18	2004			PORTAVIA GIRL (BF) T Craig 5-10-7 —
19	0F03			RED DESIREE W Storey 5-10-7 —
20	0-00			TRADING PLACES J Back 6-10-7 —

2-1 Treyarnon, 7-2 Sergiades, Kavaka, 6-1 Kelly's Inn, 8-1 East Park, 10-1 Portavia Girl, 14-1 Red Desiree, 16-1 others.

4.15 RATHEARN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,228: 2m 4f) (8)

1	F302			PRIMROSE WOOD (CD) G Richards 9-11-10 P Tuck
4	1PP1			ADEN APOLLO (C,D) T Craig 5-11-1 D Nolan
5	F0U1			MELEREK (C) G Moore 12-10-8 M Hammond
7	4330			BORDER KNIGHT (D) J Haldane 12-10-2 R Lamb
8	3002			MILESIAN DANCER W Fairgrieve 7-10-1 J Hansen
9	3244			DENNIS AUBURN (C) R Francis 10-10-0 NON-RUNNER
11	4000			CORKER (C,D) W A Stephenson 11-10-0 T P Wills (7)
13	4F34			ALICE'S BOY (C) R Francis 6-10-0 NON-RUNNER

2-1 Treyarnon, 7-2 Sergiades, Kavaka, 6-1 Kelly's Inn, 8-1 Milesian Dancer, 10-1 Corker, Border Knight.

4.45 CAPUTH HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,004: 2m 4f) (16)

3	3404			SECRET FINALE (CD) J Johnson 8-11-13 A Fowler
5	F000			DONNA FARINA (B) G Richards 8-11-5 P Doyle (7)
7	-212			LE SOIR R Francis 5-11-0 NON-RUNNER
10	00F0			FORTY GRAND (V) P Charlton 6-10-13 P Johnson (7)
12	U000			MOONLIGHTING J Parkes 7-10-7 R Ford (7)
13	P003			LIGHT TRAVELLER Mrs G Reveley 7-10-7 C N Smith (7)
14	P40/			VITINGO J Redfern 8-10-7 P Waggott (7)
16	2430			HOLD OFF (B) Miss H Hamilton 10-10-7 A Dudgeon (4)
17	F0P0			LAURENCE PARSONS (C) W Fairgrieve 10-10-7 —
18	2404			OF THAT ILK Mrs J Weir 7-10-7 —
19	0000			SANDMOOR PRINCE A McPherson 4-10-7 —
20	00F0			SUSANNA (CD) J Andrews 9-10-7 Miss S Bradburne (7)
21	-420			BRIGHT SUGGESTION T Goldie 9-10-7 —
24	4044			KAMPHALL Miss Z Green 4-10-7 Miss C MacMillan (7)
25	-F00			RUN FOR PORT N Waggott 9-10-7 T Waggott (7)
26	PF00			*THE GOESEL Mrs W Tuttle 8-10-7* —

9-4 Secret Finale, 4-1 Of That Ilk, 5-1 Light Traveller, 6-1 Donna Farina, 8-1 Sandmoor Prince, Hold Off, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Denys Smith, 18 winners from 49 runners, 32.7%; J Edwards, 6 from 22, 27.3%; G Richards, 33 from 127, 26.0%; W A Stephenson, 19 from 84, 22.6%; R Fisher, 10 from 48, 20.8%; T Craig, 6 from 43, 14.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Tuck, 15 winners from 71 rides, 21.1%; B Storey, 11 from 63, 17.5%; C Grant, 20 from 101, 10.0%. (Only qualifiers).
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LUDLOW

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Joseph's Coat. 2.30 Numerate. 3.00 North Lane. | 3.30 Coleman Abbey. 4.00 Romulex. 4.30 Bronze Opal.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.00 Sunylyn.

Going: good

2.0 HALL, WATERIDGE & OWEN SELLING HURDLE (£498: 2m) (20 runners)

1	3-14000			CAMPUS BOY (D) (Petford Tools Ltd) R Juckes 6-11-9 T Wall 95
2	002031			JOSEPH'S COAT (C Trietline) C Trietline 6-11-9 J Bryan ● 99
3	0P00-FU			ABOUT TIME TOO (Mrs V Teal) Mrs V Teal 6-11-4 J Duggan —
5	0P-0000			CASTANHEIRO (D Jones) B Cambidge 5-11-4 Mr J Cambidge —
8	400/P-0			LAWNSWOOD AVENGER (Mrs V Forte) J Forte 6-11-4 Mr A Forte (7) —
11	P00-020			MR AVENGER (B) (Mrs N Henton) G Ham 8-11-4 R Rowe 92
15	000-PPF			RAJA KHAN IJ Livock) D Tucker 6-11-4 S McNeil —
16	0P			SHAD RABUGK (Mrs J Robinson) J Perrett 5-11-4 Steve Knight 89
23	P0			BLACKTOP (B Wells) B Wells 6-10-13 Jessica Charles Jones —
29	F00-040			KIMBLE LASS (M Tucker) M Pipe 6-10-13 J Lower 80
31	0000			LITTLE-MAUREEN (R Brookes) J P Smith 6-10-13 — 77
32	1P0P0P			MISS MAINA (M Huxley) J Fitch-Heyes 6-10-13 Penny Fitch-Heyes 98
33	P0062-0			*QUEENSBURY LIZ (A Spruce) R Jeffrey 6-10-13* —
35	010P0P			SHAKIRA GROVE (C Hague) M Chapman 6-10-13 S Mitchell (7) 97
37	00-2000			SIXKANTE QUINZE (G Sutton) Mrs A Knight 6-10-13 George Knight 80
38	FP-PF00			SPACE KATE (E Evans) E Evans 6-10-13 P Warner —
43				FOLKSWOOD (D Rodench) D Rodench 4-10-12 C Seward —
46	00			MERCED (B) (D Murphy) R Morris 4-10-12 K Burgess (7) —
51	0P000			ST JAMES'S RISK (T Evans) F Jordan 4-10-12 C Smith —
52	P0			FERN F



Favoured Guest masters Joligeneration to win the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket yesterday (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Noble Minstrel's triumph puts Douieb in dilemma over 2,000

By Michael Seely

Noble Minstrel added further confusion to the 2,000 Guineas picture when romping home by three lengths under top weight in the Ladbroke European Free Handicap at sunny Newmarket yesterday.

Olivier Douieb, the winning trainer, was repeating his 1985 success with Over The Ocean in this always informative feature.

Starting at 7-1, Noble Minstrel won with complete authority. Alain Badel elected to make every yard of the running and the pair quickened to go clear of Hydraulic Power racing down the hill into The Dip. Midyan, who had encountered interference in running, finished like a rocket to take second place, 1½ lengths in front of the favourite.

Badel, based at Chantilly, was recording his first win from three attempts in Britain. "The colt got a bit upset in the paddock," he said. "But he relaxed and settled after a furlong. He won very easily and there was only one horse in it."

Douieb, in his fourth season as a trainer in this country, now finds himself on the horns of a dilemma. "I brought Alain over to give him experience of the Rowley Mile. I'd like to run the colt in the English classic as Britain is now my home. But he is excitable and might not like the long parade. I shall have to see how he is and then choose between the 2,000 and the Prix d'Essai des Poulains."

Noble Minstrel was a more than useful two-year-old having been first past the post in the Criterium de Maisons-Lafitte last autumn, subsequently being disqualified after traces of a prohibited substance had been found in a sample.

Talking about Midyan, Henry Cecil said: "He was unlucky not to have finished closer and is an obvious possibility for the Guineas."

Commenting on the running of Hydraulic Power, Lester Piggott said: "My colt was a bit rusty but it was still disappointing. However, there is no doubt that the winner is a good horse."

All eyes will now be focused on Ajdal in this afternoon's Craven Stakes. He remains favourite for the Guineas at 5-2 with Ladbrokes, who offer 10-1 against Noble Minstrel and Don't Forget Me with Risk Me 12-1.

The first of the colt's classics still remains a possible target for Joligeneration after Guy Harwood's heavily-backed favourite had been beaten by Favourite Guest in the Wood Ditton Stakes. "Joligeneration blew up," said the trainer "It's too early to write him off."

The quietly professional Geoff Wragg was by no means surprised by the success of his 20-1 outsider. "He's been working well at home," commented the trainer. "After looking at them in the paddock I was only frightened of the favourite. But he's not in the same class as Most Welcome, who takes on Ajdal tomorrow."

Afshoun, the third horse home, threw away his chance of winning by hanging to the left. "Walter Swinburn said he might have won if Afshoun had not looked about him and wandered from a true line," said Michael Stoute.

Earlier in the day Willie Jarvis had shown us a high-class filly in the making when Note Book had beaten Jannubi in the Stetchworth Stakes. "This could be a top sprinter," said the trainer. "I reckon she's the best I've had so far." Note Book is owned and was bred by Mrs Doris Allen, for whom the Jarvis family have been training for 40 years.

Finally, it was good to see Bill Elsey land a blow for Yorkshire when Pat Eddery drove K-Battery to victory over Chartino in the Earl of Sefton Stakes.

Sonic Lady's objective

Sonic Lady is to attempt to retrieve Britain's honour, which was lost in California last year, in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Hollywood Park on November 21 (Michael Seely writes).

Talking at a press reception at Dalham Hall stud yesterday, Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, said: "Michael Stoute envisages sending Sonic Lady for the Queen Anne Stakes. Then she'll try and repeat last year's win in the Sussex Stakes.

"Her late summer and early autumn engagements will include either the Prix Jacques le Marois or the Prix du Moulin followed by the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

"She'll then be flown to California six weeks before the big day and have a prep race." At Santa Anita in 1986 Sonic Lady finished unplaced behind Last Tycoon on the same afternoon that Dancing Brave finally met his Waterloo against Manila.

On a gloriously sunny morning, Dancing Brave, Shareef Dancer and Top Ville were the three stallions paraded. Dancing Brave, with 40 mares booked to him in his first season as a stallion, has now covered 28 and 18 are in foal. They include such distinguished names as Al Bahathri, All Along and Oh So Fair, the dam of Roussalka and Oh So Sharp.

Morgan and Whitaker spike big guns

By Alan Lee

Neither Kevin Morgan nor Richard Whitaker had ever so much as saddled a jumping runner at Ascot until yesterday. Last night, however, they each set off home with a handsome prize after overturning the established order in the day's two valuable novices' chases.

Morgan, who trains in the Leicestershire backwater of Waltham-on-the-Wold, sent out Oyde Hills, runner-up over four miles at the Cheltenham Festival, to win the Royal Fern Novices' Chase over a mile a less. Wetherby-based Whitaker, much better known for his Flat horses, collected the £15,000-added Bollinger Champagne Handicap Chase with Barryphilips Disco, a horse with a vivid past.

The ten-year-old missed all last season after being fired. He returned in January to win a modest Catterick seller but was aimed so low because Whitaker feared his legs might stand only one race. Happily, the horse emerged in good heart and, as his trainer said: "He has not stopped improving since."

Barryphilips Disco was never far off the pace and drew away from the last to win by five lengths. His curious name is explained by his part-owner, Ian Ender, who runs a travelling discotheque in Leeds.

Whitaker's only previous Ascot winner was the smart sprinting filly, Orient, who will start her new Flat campaign in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket in a fortnight. He explained: "I've only got three jumpers in the yard and it was touch and go whether I took today's winner to Perth."

Oyde Hills was enterprisingly ridden by amateur Jamie Osborne, prevailing by a short head over Vic The Busker after a desperate battle from the last. Morgan, who will now send his winner for the Midlands Grand National, was down to only four horses a few years ago after losing his principal owner but he has now rebuilt.

The rest of the meeting belonged to far more familiar characters and brought two milestones within reach. Peter Scudamore rode his 99th winner of the season and trainer Nick Henderson took his winnings past £195,000 with a fifth success of the campaign for Mandavi.

Scudamore's win on Canford Palm was made far more predictable when the obvious favourite, Bonanza Boy, defected after knocking himself in his box. He will not run again this season.

Canford Palm was the first leg of a double for Fred Winter, whose assistant Charlie Brooks won the hunter chase on Hazy Sunset, but Henderson — who once occupied Brook's job at Uplands — looks increasingly likely to retain the trainers' championship.

Henderson still has more than 20 horses to run before the end of the season, 12 of whom will turn out over Easter. He will not, however, have a runner in the rich Whitbread Gold Cup as Galway Blaze has been put away for the season.

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Newmarket

Going: good

2.0 (6f) 1. NOTE BOOK (B Raymond, 5-1); 2. Jannubi (J Quinn, 2-1 fav); 3. Aramor (G Carter, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Chamonix (4th), 8 Bechemal, 10 Yuvraj, 11 Mace-Bearer, 16 Full Hearted, 20 Sharp Echo, Treasurebound, 25 Lyrical Lover, 33 Barefaced (5th), Bu-Sofyan (6th), Residency, Roundelay, Little Upstart. 16 ran. Nk, 2½l, 3l, 2½l, 2l, W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £8.30. CSF: £15.82. 1min 14.58sec.

2.35 (1m) 1. FAVOURITE GUEST (J Reid, 20-1); 2. Joligeneration (G Starkey, 11-8 fav); 3. Afshoun (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Giants Castle (5th), 16 Prince Rupert, Young Offender, 20 Free Fact (4th), 25 Soldiers Duty, 33 Bice, Fusion, Invasion, Joseph, Khani, Medea Starguest, Medrar, Street Lane (6th), Waterfield, Hall Critique, Spot Market. 19 ran. 1½l, 1l, 1l, 1l, ¾l, G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £18.60; £4.20, £1.30, £3.50. DF: £37.40. CSF: £45.95. 1min 42.11sec.

3.5 LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (£22,337 3-Y-O: 7f)

NOBLE MINSTREL ch c The Minstrel — Noble Natasha (A Paulson) 9-7 A Badel (7-1) 1

Midyan b c Miswaki — Country Dream (Prince A Faisal) 9-6 W Ryan (10-1) 2.

Hydraulic Power ch c Northfields — Princess Biddy (M Salem) 9-3 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Scarlet Blade, 12 New Attitude, Sea Dara (6th), 14 Cutting Blade, 25 Ongoing Structure (4th), 33 Singing Steven, Linda's Magic (5th), Crofter's Chine, 11 ran. 3l, 1½l, nk, sh hd, 3l, O Douieb at Newmarket. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £32.60. CSF: £66.93. Tricast: £163.21. 1min 27.00sec.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1. TRAPEZE ARTIST (S Dawson, 14-1); 2. In Dreams (G French, 25-1); 3. Paean (S Cauthen, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Caesar Imperator (5th), 11-2 Janiski, 6 Buckley (4th), 10 Sprowston Boy (6th), 12 Rabu Tavi, 20 Majesteph, Pokey's Pride, 33 Eboreo. 11 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 2l, 5l, 3l, N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £14.00; £3.60, £5.20, £1.40. DF: £283.20. CSF: £248.33. Tricast: £1343.87. 3min 3.40sec.

4.10 EARL OF SEFTON EBF STAKES (group III: £21,759: 1m 1f)

K-BATTERY ch h Gunner B — Kajetana (Mrs M Butler) 6-8-10 Pat Eddery (6-1) 1

Chartino b c Concertino — Charming Doll (J Duffield) 4-8-10 G Carter (10-1) 2.

Cresta Auction b c Auction Ring — Baby Chair (Miss H Gevers) 4-8-10 W Ryan (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Asteroid Field (4th), 6 Patriach, 7 Nadeed, Phardante, 20 Chaumiere (6th), 50 Amerigo Vespucci (5th), 66 Devil's Run. 10 ran. ¾l, 3l, ½l, hd, 1½l, W Elsey at Malton. Tote: £7.90; £1.90, £3.80, £1.30. DF: £76.80. CSF: £74.13. 1min 54.53sec.

4.40 (5f) 1. TRICKY NOTE (M Hills, 10-1); 2. Summerhill Daisy (A Mackay, 5-1); 3. Love Baited (C Dwyer, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Azalea (5th), Sunley Stars (5th), 13-2 Endearing (4th), 12 Melody Lane, 33 Better Buy Baileys, Decanna. 9 ran. 2l, ¾l, 3l, ½l, 4l, W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £9.60; £2.60, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £79.70. CSF: £53.45. 1min 3.34sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £133,445 carried forward to Newmarket today. Placepot: £408.35.

Ascot

Going: good

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1. CANFORD PALM (P Scudamore, 100-30 fav); 3. Yeoman Broker (R Rowe, 5-1); 3. Kingswood Kitchens (J Frost, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Green Steps (f), Sunbeam Talbot, 14 Pals Chief, 16 Ham, Knighton Lad (6th), 20 Formidable Lady (4th), Pyleigh Prince (5th), Romana, 50 Arctic Camp (ur), Jerry's Wish, Loss Adjuster, Mick The Tacker (pu), Pioneer Run (ur), Promando Lad, Tennis Track, Red Singh, Last House. 20 ran. NR: Bonanza Boy, Hansel's Run, Steeple View. 2l, 20l, 2½l, 2l, hd, F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £5.50; £1.20, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £16.73. Southerns (12-1) withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to board prices prior to withdrawal, deduction 5p in pound.

2.35 (3m ch) 1. OYDE HILLS (Mr J Osborne, 11-1); 2. Vic The Busker (G McCourt, 16-1); 3. Battle King (P Scudamore, 4-1). ALSO: 3 fav Twin Oaks (f), 8 Llanpadrig (4th), 10 Dock Brief (f), Ten In Hand, 11 Met Officer (5th), Orchid Bay, 20 Bridgetown Lad (6th), Pelton (f), 33 Gokring (ur), Lucky Vintage, 50 Aberoy (pu), Alsal, Avon Vale (f), Double Up, Hopeful Saint. 18 ran. sh hd, 4l, 5l, 5l, 2l, K Morgan at Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Tote: £14.90; £3.90, £4.60, £1.90. DF: £60.10. CSF: £161.14.

3.10 (2m 4f ch) 1. BARRYPHILIPS DISCO (R Beggan, 7-1); 2. Friendly Henry (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3. Wallow Will (P Scudamore, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Tarconey (5th), 5 Gee-A (f), 10 Marylebone (pu), 12 Dunlurk (6th), Olympic Prize, 14 Dewspry Boy (pu), 66 Amrullah (4th). 10 ran. NR: Jaumer 5l, ½l, ½l, 8l, 10l, R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £9.30; £2.30, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £22.10. CSF: £38.89. Tricast: £173.91.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1. BEAT THE RETREAT (S Smith Eccles, 5-2 fav); 2. Freemason (S Sherwood, 13-2); 3. Musical Mystery (R Rowe, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Snowball Danny (5th), 7 Fuego Boy, Mennigl, 12 Oryx Minor, 14 Upham Gamble (4th), 16 Cimabue, 20 Sea Pennant (6th), Cawarra Lad. 11 ran. 5l, hd, 2l, 3l, ½l, J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.90, £2.30. Dual forecast: £7.90. CSF: £18.33. Tricast: £146.62.

4.15 (3m ch) 1. MANDAVI (M Bowlby, 10-1); 2. Bluff Cove (P Dwyer, 16-1); 3. High Renown (S Sherwood, 50-1). 4. Mr Fog Patches (P Scudamore, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Cross de Guerre, Sporting Mariner, 6 Dad's Gamble (6th), 10 Beepoka, 11 Newier, Pike's Peak, 14-1 Accuracy (5th), Emo Forever, 33 Crisp, Mister Pitt, Nasian, 50 Indian Major. Dew 17 ran. 2l, 1½l, 1½l, 2l, 2l, N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £8.30; £1.70, £3.70, £13.40. £2.50. DF: £137.40. CSF: £146.65. Tricast: £5,707.11.

4.45 (2m 4f ch) 1. HAZY SUNSET (Mr C Brooks, 2-1 fav); 2. Young Lover (Mr T Thomson Jones, 5-1); 3. Ragadan (Mr T Granham, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Elegarty (ur), 8 Jack Of All Trades (4th), Saddique, Del Carmen, Ginny's Slipper, Kabcast, Mowthorpe, Busy Liz (5th). 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 4l, hd, 5l, J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £15.52.

5.0 (1m 1f) 1. RANDOM ROVER (G Duffield, 5-2); 2. Shooting Party (Paul Eddery, 2-1 fav); 3. Rhazali (A Kimberley, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 20 Henisio (4th), 25 Locherre, 33 Al-Alam, Relkoora (6th), 50 Casual Star, Gunners Best, Henry Will, Spats Columbo (5th), St Clair Charger, 100 Hush-Along, Lush Path, Autobahn, Cold Laser Introvert, Ribobambino, Suivez Moi. 19 ran. NR: Mohammed Abdu, Dearest Love. Hd, 5l, 8l, 6l, 3l, B Hills at Manton. Tote: £4.40; £1.30, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.34.

Placepot: Not won. Pool of £1,269 carried forward to Newmarket today.

Perth

Going: good

2.15 (2m hdle) 1. Ioan (K Ryan, 14-1); 2. William The First (12-1); 3. Moondawn (7-2 jt-fav). Monks Gold 7-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Reay's Song. 15l, sh hd, J Norton. Tote: £26.90; £8.90, £3.20, £2.00. DF: £170.40. CSF: £178.40. Tricast: £875.31.

2.45 (2m ch) 1. Ida's Delight (P Dennis, 11-4); 2. Golden Fancy (5-4 fav); 3. Dennis Auburn (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Binsby, Jondale. 15l, 2½l, J Charlton. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.12.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Dixton House (T Morgan, 4-7 fav); 2. Carden Spirit (33-1); 3, Lumber Quay (66-1). 8 ran. NR: Tepylon. 12l, 25l, J Edwards. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.60, £14.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £17.73.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1. Tinas Lad (T Morgan, 8-1); 2. Unex-Plained (2-1 fav); 3, Balnertino (4-1). 15 ran. NR: Meadow Moor hd, 5l, J Edwards. Tote: £7.90; £2.00, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £35.30. CSF: £26.57.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, Melarek (M Hammond, 5-4); 2, Beau Lyon (6-1); 3, Horn Of Plenty (Evens fav). 3 ran. NR: Clonrocha Stream, Alice's Boy. 12l, dist. G Moore. Tote: £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £5.89.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Quarry Machine (T Morgan, 6-1); 2, Oceanus (7-1); 3, Super Solo (12-1). Snow Babu 11-2 fav. 14 ran. 1½l, 3l, J Edwards. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £2.60, £2.80. DF: £20.20. CSF: £50.93. Tricast: £462.04. Placepot: £16.00

Ripon

Going: soft

2.30 (6f) 1, UMBELATA (A Culhane, 20-1); 2, Cooper Racing Nell (Cathy Strickland, 10-1); 3, Bargain Pack (Tracy Wentworth, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 co-favs No Beating Hans (5th), Rosie Dickens, Persian Tapestry, 11-2 Shanouska (4th), 8 Top That, 12 Mayor, 14 Edgewise, 16 Goldchan (6th), Vige. 20 Off Your Mark. 13 ran. 5l, 2l, 1l, 3l, ½l, M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £55.50; £16.00, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £243.10. CSF: £05.43. Tricast: £1597.27.

3.0 (1m) 1, DAMART (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Royal Illusion (D Casey, 5-1); 3, Bamby Don (N Leach, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Belle Of Stars, 11-2 Petels Gold, 8 Scotch Imp (4th), 10 Benfield Morpeth, Roan Reef, 12 Creole Bay (5th), Debuarais Ball, 14 It's A Battle, Mccallum, Not Yet, Stray No More (6th), 25 Wane's Better Deal. 15 ran. Hd, 4l, ½l, 4l, ½l, M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £2.60, £8.60. DF: £16.80. CSF: £35.05. No bid.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, HITCHENSTOWN (C Rutter, 14-1); 2, Mr Lion (J Carr, 14-1); 3, Mr Gardiner (A Culhane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-favs Ben's Birdie (4th), Our Hero, 5 Common Farm (6th), 8 Ivorski (5th), 10 Compactor, 12 Floater, 14 Seclusive, Lucky West, Ridgeside. 12 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 3l, 8l, nk, T Gallagher at Lydiate. Tote: £20.40; £4.10, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £165.10. CSF: £181.70. Tricast: £1,535.86.

4.0 (1m) 1, CONBERMERE (A Mercer, 5-1); 2, Windsaede (K Darley, 4-1 fav); 3, Princegate (D Nicholls, 20-1). 4, Lisala (M Handley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Good Point, Panbay, Brewin Time, 10 Danum Dancer, Ichi Ban Son, Bacchanalian, 12 Mr Corman, 16 Torrance (6th), 20 Another Season (5th), Malacanang, Calapse, Navos, Vontrack. 17 ran. 5l, hd, 7l, nk, 4l, J W Watts at Richmond. Tote: £10.00; £2.20, £1.60, £4.40, £2.50. DF: £23.70. CSF: £25.91. Tricast: £340.84.

4.30 (5f) 1, L'ADDITION (P Cook, 11-4 fav); 2, Native River (R P Elliott, 7-2); 3, Imperial King (R Fox, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Marine Grande (4th), 9 Ayabi Mou (6th), Breeze Up, 12 Tambuli, 14 Cornborough, Tenotus, 20 Caernarvon Royal, Micks Gift, Rapid Relief, Humdolefidy, Minizen Melody, 25 Saddique, Del Carmen, Ginny's Slipper, Kabcast, Mowthorpe, Busy Liz (5th). 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 4l, hd, 5l, J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £15.52.

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Point-to-point results

DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH (Friars Haugh): Adj: 1, Waren Brig; 2, Milton Brig; 3, Arctic Owen. Rest: 1, Nijanna; 2, Starry Brig; 3, Paddy Murphy. Ladies: 1, Tabriz Gold; 2, Mackinaw; 3, Rural Scene. Open: 1, Hummelmoor; 2, Pizcruive; 3, Craigie Wey. Mdn: 1, Bring Jack; 2, Cherry Side; 3, Rewar's Lad. Members: 1, Oh To Be; 2, Ross Lad; 3, Dundyvan.

PPOA (Ashorne): Mares: 1, The Little Bag; 2, Hasty Retreat; 3, Shining. Adj: 1, Sidewinder; 2, Gilston Hill; 3, Can't Catch Me. Land Rover Open: 1, Ling Hall; 2, Woody Isle; 3, Light Demon. Ladies: 1, Random Lag; 2, Burnocks; 3, Red Artist. Reds: 1, Rich Remorse; 2, Dona Lease; 3, Red Bull. Mdn I: 1, Another Kelly; 2, Kinsbourne Bay; 3, Cheeky Chappie. Mdn II: 1, Brookside King; 2, New World; 3, Airlet. Mdn III: 1, Kyma Warrior; 2, Misty Miller, 3, Captain Brig.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Murphy's law is the one he revels in

By Keith Macklin

No one in Rugby League will have been surprised at Alex Murphy's decision to field a below-strength St Helens squad at Wigan tomorrow, nor at his totally unrepentent attitude. "I can produce medical certificates for all the injured, and I will be turning out my best available squad," he said.

Apologies and excuses do not come easily from the truculent and always deliberately controversial Murphy, whose cocky aggression began as a boy wonder scrum-half and continued when he was selected to go on the successful Great Britain tour of Australia in 1958 before he was 18 years old.

Since then Murphy has produced the Midas touch wherever he has gone, with the sole exception of a brief spell at Salford, which brought no rewards. He has taken Warrington, Leigh and now the Saints to Wembley, and took Wigan to a John Player Trophy victory.

Murphy has always bounced back higher than he has dropped. In his brief times of enforced idleness he has kept his hand, voice and his wallet well occupied with newspaper columns and BBC commentaries of acerbic and outrageous comment. When the recent rugby union row over Wade Dooley erupted, Murphy commented that Wade could have a job as a bouncer at the St Helens social club.

His dressing-room team talks can be lessons in the use of vitriolic condemnation as Granada TV once discovered when they took the risk of putting outside broadcast cameras in the dressing room after Wigan had lost a match.

He left Wigan after a much-publicized row with the vice-chairman Maurice Lindsay during which, it was unofficially alleged, a telephone receiver bounced off Murphy's head as he left behind a pithy parting shot. Typically, before very long Murphy had been appointed to the job he had always yearned for, the coaching spot at his home-town club of St Helens. When he was appointed, the Saints chairman, Lawrie Prescott used an extravagant phrase likening Murphy to a rugby league messiah, yet Murphy has taken St Helens to Wembley within months of that remarkable statement.

When St Helens go out onto the field at Central Park tomorrow Murphy will run a gauntlet of thunderous abuse from Wigan fans disgusted at his team selection while the Wigan team will do their best to humiliate him by running up a cricket score. Through it all Murphy will remain chirpily unmoved, secretly revelling in it all.

RUGBY UNION

Rutherford adds to Scotland's World Cup fears

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), whose World Cup management indicated last week that David Sole, the Bath prop, should forego the chance of appearing in the John Player Special Cup final so as to avoid the possibility of injury before Scotland leave for New Zealand, will have been less than pleased that John Rutherford has returned from a sevens tournament in Bermuda with an ankle injury.

Rutherford, the Selkirk stand-off half and an integral piece in Scotland's World Cup jig-saw participated in the tournament with three Scotland colleagues, Matt Duncan, Iain Paxton and Iwan Tukalo, without official approval. All four players have apologized to the SRU.

He said: "There was no one near me when I went over on the ankle," which makes the incident reminscent of the recent injury sustained by Peter Williams, one of England's World Cup stand-offs.

Rutherford saw a specialist yesterday and will, presumably, be doubtful for the Scotland XV which plays Spain at Murrayfield on Sunday.

Scotland are not alone in their World Cup worries. Bleddyn Bowen, the Welsh centre who has completed only three of the six matches in which he has appeared this season, broke down again on Tuesday evening as South Wales Police played out a 16-16 draw with Maesteg. A hamstring injury, coupled with the other injury problems he has had this season, must add to the uncertainty over whether he will be fit to take his place in the Welsh squad for New Zealand.

Bowen, who trained with the national squad on Sunday, has pulled out of the Barbarians' Easter tour. But David Rees, the South Wales police spokesman, said: "The club doctor has examined Bleddyn and is of the opinion that it is only a slight strain and we are hopeful he will make a speedy return to action."

Sponsor stays on

Imperial Tobacco Limited have agreed to extend sponsorship of the John Player Special Cup through next season with prize-money of £125,000.

Commenting on the announcement, Alan Grimsdell, the president of the Rugby Football Union, said: "John Player's continuity of support has helped to establish this competition as one of England's great sporting events."

Welsh youngsters not even tested

By Peter Marson

Comb. Services U-21 7
Wales U-21 51

Cardiff's talented stand-off half David Evans was in good form at Aldershot Military Stadium yesterday and collected 23 of his side's 51 points as Wales Under-21 dealt severely with Combined Services' younger battalions, who were beaten by six goals, three tries and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty goal.

Against so powerful a combination as this, Combined Services's opportunities were limited, limited in fact to the first quarter when Allcock scored one direct hit in a small bombardment as the Welshmen took time settling down, and to a handful of sporadic raids.

Hall, the Welsh captain, and the rest will have enjoyed their romp yesterday, but the contest probably fell short of the test they needed before their meeting with Scotland Under-21 at Wrexham on Saturday week.

Hall's strong running, and Callard's from full back, and Evans' subtle skills combined to give the Services defence a fearful headache, and once Wales had developed the knack of scoring tries the traffic filtered easily into a one-way system.

With Callard, Evans (2), Young and Simon Davies gaining the line in the first half, and with Evans kicking three conversions and a penalty goal, Wales with 29 points against three, had the match won at half-time.

SCORERS: Combined Services Under-21: Try: Bristow. Penalty: Allcock. Wales Under-21: Tries: Callard, Evans (2), Young, S Davies, S Bryant (2). Subbsan (2). Conversions: Evans (5). Penalty: Evans.

COMBINED SERVICES UNDER-21: G K Allcock (Army); S D Phillips (Royal Navy), S Roke (RAF), R A Preston (Army), C Simmonds (RAF), R D Booth (RAF), J Kingston (Royal Navy), G Graham (Army), J S Brammer (Army, captain), M Sampson (Royal Navy), S M Hanson (RAF), L Taylor (Army), C D Hall (Army), L White (Army), D Bristow (Army).

WALES UNDER-21: J E B Callard (Newport); R N Subbiani (Swansea), M R Hall (Maesteg, captain), S Davies (Llanelli), G Davies (Neath, rep: S Hill, Newbridge); D W Evans (Cardiff), R Williams (Gloucester); F J Hillman (Newport), K R Gregory (Newbridge), D R Young (Swansea), S J Bryant (Bridgend), J D M Wakeford (First Wales Police), D A Crane (Llanelli), R E Webster (Swansea), S S Bryant (Bridgend).

Referee: A P Thomson (London).

HORSE TRIALS

£90,000 sponsorship for Windsor

This year's Windsor three-day event, one of only two intermediate standard events in Britain, has been boosted by a £90,000 sponsorship from Beefeater Steak Houses over the next three years (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The trials, from May 22 to 24 at Windsor Great Park, are a favourite with riders looking for a challenging but not enormous course for horses being aimed at an advanced event, such as Badminton, the following year.

Windsor has rejected the offer of international status as Princess Anne, the president of the event, feels it should continue to provide a stepping stone rather than elevate itself to international status when many of the younger or less experienced riders might be excluded.

This year's event already has a waiting list of 26 and Princess Anne is among the entries with Hatton Springs, but she cannot compete unless she qualifies the horse in time.

Other leading riders who have entered include Sue Benson (Kessler), Ros Bevan (Horton Point), Rachel Hunt (Bally Murphy), Rodney Powell (Acrian Spirit and Mayday), Clarissa Strachan (Friday Fayre) and New Zealand's Trudy Boyce.

Bill Thomson has designed nine new fences on the cross-country course of 26 fences.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Arsenal 0, Newcastle 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Nottingham Forest 3; Watford 3, Chelsea 1; West Ham 0, Manchester United 0.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn 0, Reading 0; Hull 2, Millwall 1; Shrewsbury 0, Leeds 2.

THIRD DIVISION: Brentford 1, Doncaster 1; Newport 3, Darlington 0; Walsall 2, Chesterfield 1; Wigan 0, Bournemouth 2; York 1, Port Vale 4.

FOURTH DIVISION: Burnley 2, Torquay 2; Halifax 1, Cambridge United 0; Hartlepool 1, Southend 0; Lincoln 0, Wrexham 1; Preston 2, Rochdale 0.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Southern section: Final, second leg: Bristol City 2, Aldershot 0 (agg: 4-1).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Falkirk 0, St Mirren 0; Hamilton 0, Dundee United 0; Rangers 2, Dundee 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 4, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Fulham 2, Norwich 1; Ipswich 1, Southampton 0; West Ham 4, Reading 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 2, Middlesbrough 3; Derby County 3, Aston Villa 1; Everton 3, Newcastle 1; Manchester United 1, Leicester City 0; Oldham 3, Leeds 1; Sunderland 2, Manchester City 3.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Farnborough 2; Wokingham 1, Kingstonian 3. First division: Grays 1, Stevenage Borough 1; Hampton 1, Epsom and Ewell 0; Leatherhead 0, Waltham and Hersham 0; Leytonstone/Ilford 2, Finchley 1; Leyton Wingate 2, Basildon 0; Tilbury 1, Southwick 1; Wembley 4, Boreham Wood 0; Uxbridge 1, Slough 1. Second division north: Chelmsford 0, Collier Row 2; Clapton 7, Royston 0; Haringey Borough 1, Wivenhoe 1; Saffron Walden 2, Hornchurch 0. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter 4, Harefield 2; Dorking 5, Egham 1; Whyteleafe 1, Hungerford 1; Woking 2, Flackwell Heath 0.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Buxton 2, Matlock 3; Goole 1, Morecambe 3; Witton 1, Southport 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove 2, Cambridge City 4; Fareham 1, Crawley 1; Redditch 0, Bedworth 0. Midland division: Bridgnorth 3, VS Rugby 0; Buckingham 0, Coventry Sporting 0; Gloucester City 1, Bilston 2; Halesowen 2, Wednesford 0; Merthyr Tydfil 3, Stourbridge 2; Mile Oak 1, Moor Green 2. Southern division: Ashford 1, Woodford 0; Corinthian 2, Chatham 2, Canterbury 0, Sheppey 1; Dover 2, Hastings 0; Erith and Belvedere 3, Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Ruislip 0, Dorchester 1. Bill Dellow Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Tonbridge 1, Wateroowille 2 (agg: 2-5).

GMAC CUP: Fourth round: Sutton United 0, Hendon 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Enfield 3, Kidderminster 0; Frickley 0, Boston 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 0, Yeading 1; Barkingside 2, Ulysses 1; Corinthian Casuals 0, Edgware 2; Redhill 0, Southgate 1.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 1, Portfield 0; Horsham YMCA 1, Eastbourne Town 3; Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs 1, Haywards Heath 6; Shoreham 2, Whitehawk 3.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham 5, Cambridge United 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Crusaders 0, Ballymena 0.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Aylesbury 2, Slough 0.

OTHER MATCH: Liverpool 0, Danish Select XI 0.

SNOW REPORTS

ITALY

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
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Why squash rackets will find it difficult to succeed as a television sport

Out of the heart of darkness



Simon Barnes



Boxed in: Players working miracles for spectators and cameras alike from behind closed but transparent doors

Squash is a matter for consenting adults, a thing to be performed in secrecy behind the closed door of a hired room. But immense amounts of thought, research and money have worked a curious kind of miracle. Squash has been turned inside out: these too, too solid walls have melted and the dark ball become visible.

In a way, it is missing the point to wonder whether squash makes an interesting public spectacle or not. The remarkable thing is that it makes a public spectacle at all. If ever there was a sport designed as a private duel, it is squash. But, with dedication worthy of a better cause, it has managed to turn its innards outwards, rather like Prometheus.

The walls that look so solid for the players have become, for the spectators, darkness visible: transparent walls of glass. These are the only athletes in the world that strut their stuff in a goldfish tank. And there have been plenty of people there to see them: the Hi-Tec British Open has brought 15,000 people to the Wembley Conference Centre in the past week or so.

There they were, cheering for the gallant losing Brit, Lucy Soutter, and if a sport has a gallant losing Brit in the final, it must surely be heading for the status of a serious spectator sport. But, I must admit, that some of the force of the occasion was lost to me, because I was unable to see the ball for about 60 per cent of the time. When the men played their final, it was more like 70 per cent, since the ball was travelling faster.

So I set aside reality for a while, and went to watch the sport on television. It was a stunning example of technology requited. The glass walls seem as solid to the camera as they do to the players, and, yes, the ball is clearly visible. This is nothing less than a triumph: the reflective squash ball that catches the camera's eye now really does work. They cost just under £200 each.

The BBC will be showing some high spots of the event over the Easter weekend, planning four slots, more than ever before, an indication of the sport's stealthy advance. A further indication is a hot-tempered row between the sponsor and television: sporting sponsors remind me of that Benny Hill character who is always sneaking and sidling into shot: "Hello everybody! It's me again!"

No sponsor will ever be truly content until his brand name is written in letters of fire across the screen throughout every second of action. I get cross every time I am asked to applaud "our generous sponsors". Sponsors are not generous: they are there as a matter of business. You might just as well applaud the supermarket for its generosity in selling eggs. Sponsors are out for what they can get, and they always want a little bit more.

Televised sport makes sponsors lick their lips: it grows and it grows, and it searches forever for a new game. Ever since snooker took off like a rocket, every minor sport has fancied its chances of doing the same, and every sponsor has dreams of hanging onto the coat tails of the next flier. Darts, American Football — will squash be next?

I doubt it. It is fascinating to see the speed and power of these athletes, naturally. Squash is clearly a game about psychological domination: the endless victories of Jahangir Khan and, to a lesser extent, Susan Devoy, seem to demonstrate that, and television cameras are good at picking up the moments when the psychological balance shifts. That is why snooker, and even darts, work well on television.

But the essential privacy of squash is against its real success as a television sport. The problem is that players do not stand opposed: they face the same way, and somehow this is desperately unsatisfying.

Squash is demonically clever, and the way it has been opened up to public and television is ingenious beyond belief. But squash lacks grandeur: it is still a sport of shuffling about behind a closed door, and, as one's admiration quickens at the skill of the players, so one longs for the far more satisfying public duels and high drama of tennis. Squash a megasport? You cannot be wholly serious!

Establishment is under siege

By Colin McQuillan

Lucy Soutter, England's junior world champion, showed excellent form in taking the first two games of the Hi-Tec British Open Squash Championship final from Susan Devoy of New Zealand, the reigning world champion, who eventually overpowered her 2-9, 4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1 in 82 minutes to win a fourth successive title.

Had Miss Soutter won, as she was clearly threatening to do until a brace of penalty points stopped her flow from 3-4 in the third game, she would have ended 25 years of Antipodean *domination of the British Open* and become the first home-bred champion since Fran Marshall in 1961.

Another junior world champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, earned his spurs by removing Ross Norman, New Zealand's other senior world champion, and Chris Dittmar, of Australia, on his way to the final. It was a long, hard road for the 17-year-old and few were surprised when he failed to play as well against his countryman, Jahangir Khan, in the last match of the event.

Jahangir won his sixth successive British Open championship 9-6, 9-0, 9-5, in 55 minutes. Only Geoff Hunt, Hashim Khan and Amra Bey have previously strung together such a sequence and Jahangir is insistent he will return each year, at least until he holds new records of seven in a row and nine in all.

"It is becoming more difficult," Jahangir acknowledged. "The new young players have no fear. They get better all the time. I am more experienced, of course, but I am also getting older."

Age is a matter of perspective, perhaps. There were moments in the semi-final when Jahangir looked a good deal more than two years senior to Rodney Martin, aged 21, of Australia, who came within three points of beating the world No. 1 in straight games.

Martin, like Jansher and a clutch of young English, Pakistani and Australian players of both sexes, has emerged on the world circuit through the last two seasons. The establishment is under bombardment.

CRICKET: ESSEX LOOK BETTER THAN EVER

Greig back in England to revitalize Surrey

By Alan Lee

The birth of Ian Greig's son in January may turn out to be the best thing to happen to Surrey in many a day. It gave Geoff Arnold, Greig's old friend and now the county coach, the ideal excuse to offer congratulations and then broach the delicate subject of a comeback.

Greig emigrated to Australia when Sussex sacked him in 1985. He had been running an indoor cricket school and any ideas of breaking his retirement were mere passing fancies until his former colleague disrupted his ordered world with a phone call to Brisbane.

Ever since Pat Pocock confirmed his retirement, the Surrey captaincy has been a subject for intense speculation. Many names were put forward, but it was long odds against anyone suggesting the all-rounder, aged 31, who Sussex had dismissed on grounds of the player's lack of fitness and the club's lack of funds.

He was not, however, an illogical choice. Given the background of bickering in a divided dressing room, a strong-willed outsider of flair and imagination was ideal for the job. Greig fitted the bill and Arnold, knew it.

"I hesitated when Geoff put it to me," admits Greig. "But that was more through surprise than any serious doubts. By the end of the call I knew it was what I *wanted to do*."

Although Surrey's staff is heavy with senior players, and at least two had designs on the leadership, Greig has encountered no adverse reaction. "I keep hearing about the atmosphere in the team, but I can only speak as I find and the players are all very happy and ambitious. What is important is that we don't split up into little cliques when things go wrong. That is a recipe for disaster. I want things in the open and if I have something to say I will say it to a player's face."

Greig's forthrightness will be appreciated, for there is no *doubting* Surrey's immense potential, if only it can be properly orchestrated. They finished third last year, but their cricket was a crazy mix of the millionaire and the destitute. With greater consistency, they have a genuine title chance.

David Smith's homecoming, after three successful years at Worcester, is a bonus. Monty Lynch, Trevor Jesty and Smith give Surrey an enviable middle order and wicketkeeper Jack Richards, who made a Test century in the winter, will probably not bat above No. 7.

Also the rota system between Sylvester Clarke and Tony Gray theoretically gives Surrey a fresh West Indian fast bowler for each game. David Thomas is fit again to supply the left-arm variety and much will be expected of the emerging youngsters, Martin Bicknell and Keith Medlycott.

By contrast, prospects in Sussex rely rather more on spirited optimism than realistic confidence. They have emerged, relieved and intact, from a potentially destructive winter upheaval, but their playing strength hardly encourages hope of a championship bid.

Ian Gould, the captain has had a disquieting introduction to the job. But, other than Adrian Jones, his players have regrouped behind him, although they will sorely miss Imran Khan, who is committed to Pakistan, and must lean heavily on Garth le Roux, in his final season, for penetrative bowling. Sussex have lined up Merrick Pringle, another South African as le Roux's eventual replacement. But with their batting also lacking depth, the only silver-lining appears to come from John Snow, tempted back to coach, albeit temporarily, after years in which his knowledge had been sadly wasted. Great efforts will be made to persuade him to stay.

The current odds of 4-1 against Essex retaining the championship seem a shade generous. They have won the title three times in the past four seasons and begin the new term with, if anything, a better-balanced squad than ever.

John Childs's staggering success last year gave a new dimension to the champions, who recently relied largely on the seamers to win matches. The arrival of Geoff Miller from Derbyshire allows a classical attack including two contrasting spinners. Hugh Page, from Transvaal, the new overseas player, is tall, strong and lively, and will be a valuable addition. But with three England seamers, in Neil Foster, John Lever, and Derek Pringle, competition for places looks healthy.

Graham Gooch, the captain, has spent much of the winter attending to self-confessed flaws in his batting technique and is satisfied, as evidenced by his success in Sharjah. The test for Essex will come when Gooch is absent with England. Without the quality of Allan Border, the batting could be exposed.

Middlesex have won a major competition in each of the last five seasons and, with a familiar team, should continue the sequence if they can avoid the injury problems partly responsible for their slide to tenth place in last season's championship. However the omens are discouraging. Already, the enigmatic Norman Cowans and his fellow fast bowler Neil Williams are out of the early matches, throwing the burden on Wayne Daniel, starting a new two-year contract and as good as ever.

Phil Edmonds and John Emburey are an unrivalled spin combination, but, given their likely long absences with England, Middlesex have signed Andy Needham, as off spinner and batsman, from Surrey. At two ends of the experience scale, Clive Radley begins his 24th season with a second benefit, while their schoolboy opener, Mark Ramprakash, born in Bombay 17 years ago but qualified for England, starts a career which good judges predict will lead to the highest levels.

Kent have lost an entire opening attack, Terry Alderman retiring and Graham Dilley moving, but once Richard Ellison is fully fit again following a back injury sustained in Tasmania, Chris Cowdrey, the captain, insists the departures will not be missed. Eldine Baptiste is now the sole overseas player in an otherwise attractively home-grown squad. Alan Igglesden will have ample chances, while Derek Underwood, insisting this his last season, should profit from the new regulation on uncovered pitches.

Bob Woolmer, the former opening batsman, is now back coaching the county and his priority will be to extract consistent runs from frustrating sources such as Derek Aslett, Neil Taylor and Graham Cowdrey. Only if he succeeds can Kent be considered title contenders, though a one-day event is within their scope.

PLAYER CHANGES: Essex: Newcomers: H Page (Transvaal), G Miller (from Derbyshire). Not re-engaged: S Turner, K R Pont. Kent: Not re-engaged: G R Dilley (to Worcestershire). Retired: T M Alderman. Middlesex: Newcomers: A Needham (Surrey). Not re-engaged: C T Metson (to Glamorgan). Retired: G D Barlow. Surrey: Newcomers: I A Greig, D M Smith (from Worcestershire). Not re-engaged: A Needham (to Middlesex), A R Butcher (to Glamorgan). Retired: P I Pocock, G Monkhouse. Sussex: Newcomer: S Kimber (from Worcestershire). Not re-engaged: A N Jones (to Somerset). Retired: J R T Barclay, C P Phillipson.

Wisden award for Whitaker

James Whitaker, the gifted Leicestershire batsman, has completed 12 months of fluctuating fortunes by being named by *Wisden* as one of its five cricketers of the year.

Whitaker has experienced both delight and dejection since the start of last summer. He compiled 1,382 stylish championship runs at an average of almost 70, but also cracked bones in both hands when facing Malcolm Marshall. This cost him five weeks at the height of the season.

He did enough to tour Australia, but made little impact in his only Test and was largely a spectator. However, in Sharjah last week he underlined his promise and he looks like being first reserve if any of England's regular top order batsmen yield their places.

The other cricketers of the year are India's Dilip Vengsarkar and Worcestershire's Graeme Hick — both renowned stroke-makers — John Childs, the Essex spin bowler, and Courtney Walsh, the West Indian, who was the leading wicket-taker of 1986.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

North versus South

The final of the English Schools Gillette Trophy will be between Sefton and South London. Sefton defeated Liverpool at Anfield 4-0 in an all-Merseyside semi-final, while in their semi-final South London took on Derby at Millwall and won 2-0 (George Chesterton writes).

In the under-19 Barclays Bank Trophy Norfolk College, King's Lynn, won 1-0 over West Somerset School, Minehead, to reach the final. They will now play either Blue Coats School, Liverpool, or John Leggott School, Scunthorpe.

Hertfordshire have reached the final of the Inter-County Mitre Trophy defeating Gloucestershire 1-0 in their replayed match. Their opponents will be either Kent or Northumberland. Kent won through by defeating Essex 2-1 with a last-minute goal.

The BHS under-15 competition is also approaching its climax. Warwickshire, by virtual of a 1-0 win over Derbyshire have reached the final and await the result of the match between West Midlands and Nottinghamshire to know their opponents.

HOCKEY

Grimley enjoys his new role

From Sydney Friskin
Ipoh

Great Britain	3
Japan	1

Martyn Grimley, a half-back in the England team that won a silver medal in the World Cup, played at centre forward for Great Britain for the first time here yesterday and scored three goals to help his team into the semi-finals of the Sultan Asian Shah tournament.

It was an accomplished performance by Britain, whose 3-0 advantage at half-time enabled them to make three substitutions without disrupting the side's rhythm.

Malaysia have already qualified and meet Britain today to decide the leadership of group A. In the event of a draw, the issue will have to be resolved by a penalty stroke competition.

Grimley scored in the 19th, 26th and 30th minutes with help from Bhaura, the captain, and Potter for the first two, but having to scramble his third from Bolland's shot at a short corner.

Japan, though they tackled vigorously, offered little in attack, relying mainly on their full back, Nakajima, to make ground with his long aerial passes. However, nine minutes from time, Nagai rushed through the British defence, drew Pappin, and enabled Maeda to score.

In a group B match yesterday, Pakistan defeated West Germany 4-2.

GREAT BRITAIN: V Pappin; P Bolland, D Faulkner, S Hazlitt (sub: M Spray), J Potter, W McConnell, K S Bhaura, J Kirkwood (sub: M Sloan), M Grimley (sub: R Thompson), R Clift, I Sherwani.

JAPAN: M Onishi; Y Nagai, A Nakajima, M Sasaki, M Mizukami, T Tamura, Y Takahashi, T Negai, T Hamai, M Yamaguchi, K Maeda.
Umpires: F Sprenger (WG) and Mohammed Bali (Pak).



New regime: Lancashire's captain, David Hughes (left), the county's chairman, Bob Bennett (centre), and their coach, Alan Ormrod (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Turning over a new leaf

By Ian Ross

Optimism was much in evidence at Lancashire County Cricket Club yesterday. A winter of simmering discontent, which saw Bob Bennett, the Isle of Man businessman, replace Cedric Rhoades as chairman, is now mere history.

Bennett, supported by a new coach, Alan Ormrod, and a new captain, David Hughes, used the club's annual press day to unveil the strategy that he is confident will reap a rich reward over the coming season.

"There have been many changes over the past six months and hopefully we are now creating a new environment within the club. We are optimistic that the attitude of the players and of everyone else here should see greater achievement on the field of play," he said.

Hughes, who underlined his determination to lead from the middle, is, like his chairman, convinced the county has finally emerged from the dark days which preceded Christmas.

"The enthusiasm and the ability is here. We have a different atmosphere around the club this season," he said.

Lancashire's preparations have been badly hit, however, by an injury to their wicketkeeper, Maynard, who will undergo surgery shortly after returning from the pre-season tour of Jamaica, for a torn cartilage.

The bowler, Makinson, is also unlikely to be available after suffering a slipped disc.

● Graham Gooch hopes to resume his Test career against *Pakistan this summer*. The Essex captain's nomination as England vice-captain for the recent one-day tournament in Sharjah appears to have cleared the way for his return. "I would like to think that I will be able to play in the World Cup in India and Pakistan," he said.

● Kent are calling a special general meeting at Canterbury on June 2 to discuss the club's accounts.

Changing tours in a changing world

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

For many months after *The Daily Telegraph* and their cricket correspondent parted company last August, it became increasingly difficult to find anyone who had not been approched to take his place. Before an appointment was finally made, a week or two ago, raids were carried out on *The Guardian, The Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday, The Independent, The Daily Express, The Observer*, the Somerset County Cricket Club — you name it . . .

This is not the time or place to wonder why what used to be one of the most coveted jobs in sporting journalism hung fire so. It matters a lot, even so, who fills it, and in Peter West, of television fame, the Telegraph found a respected, sound and conscientious caretaker, who knows the game, to cover England's recent tour to Australia for them.

The enthusiasm with which he undertook the task is at once evident in his daily diary of events, *Clean Sweep*, which has just been published. It is a book that gives a very good feel of what the tour was like: of the early setbacks and the metamorphosis of the first Test match: of the fellowship that exists within a successful touring party, not least between players and the press: of the demands made on both by the intensity of a modern itinerary: and of the ease with which even those in the business of communication — a sports editor and his men in the field — can lose touch with each other. That *Clean Sweep* should have come out before anything awful has happened to change the perspective of the tour is another good *reason for acquiring it.*

By the same post came *Australian Summer*, another reprint from Souvenir Press, this time of Neville Cardus's account of MCC's tour to Australia in 1936-37. Then, too, an unsung England side won the first Test in Brisbane and the author, like Peter West, was on his first visit to Australia. But it was another world in those days, made up of leisurely sea voyages and ruled by Bradman. *Australian Summer* was a lovely book and a thriller into the bargain, with Australia coming back from the dead.

I sat at the great Cardus's feet on the way to Australia in 1950-51 and loved him dearly. He was a genius: but he could not have coped with today's tempo nor would he have wanted to. You can get a vivid idea of the extraordinary changes there have been between Gubby Allen's tour fifty years ago and Mike Gatting's by reading these two books together. Both are published today.

Clean Sweep by Peter West (W. H. Allen, £9.96). *Australian Summer* by Neville Cardus (Souvenir Press, £8.95).

One-day schedule cut

Sydney, (Reuter) — Australia have reduced the number of one-day internationals for next season after complaints by players during the recent tour by England. Malcolm Gray, the Australian Cricket Board chairman, said the World Series Cup, involving Australia, Sri Lanka and New Zealand next January has been shortened to 12 matches.

Last season, Australia, West Indies and England played 14 World Series matches

AUSTRALIAN 1987-88 PROGRAMME: Tour by New Zealand: Nov 18: Western Australia (one day); Nov 20-23: Western Australia; Nov 27-30: South Australia; Dec 4-8: First Test, Brisbane; Dec 11-15: Second Test, Adelaide; Dec 18-21: Tasmania; Dec 22: Prime Minister's XI (one day); Dec 26-30: Third Test, Melbourne. Tour by Sri Lanka: Feb 8-9: Series Cup (involving Australia, Sri Lanka and New Zealand); Jan 2-20: Preliminary matches; Jan 22: First final, Melbourne (day/night); Jan 24: Second final, Sydney; Jan 26: Third final, Melbourne (day/night).

Tour by England: Jan 29-Feb 2: Bicentennial Test, Sydney, Feb 4: Bicentennial game, Melbourne (day/night).

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

WARSAW: European junior championships: Group one: England 3, Scotland 2; England 3, Sweden 2. Final: Denmark 4, England 1 (England names first). Men's singles: P Knowles lost to M Sogard, 0-15, 5-15. Women's singles: F Gallut bt A-M Larsen, 11-7, 11-6. Men's doubles: C Hunt and A Dorst lost to T Olsen and C Lindquist, 12-15, 12-15. Women's doubles: J Munday and T Dewsy lost to C Madsen and H Andersen, 15-7, 15-17, 9-8 ret. Mixed doubles: R Hammsworth and Miss Dineen lost to J Malborn and Miss Madsen, 8-15, 10-15.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 113, New Jersey Nets 95; Denver Nuggets 142, Portland Trail Blazers 114; Golden State Warriors 117, Los Angeles Clippers 108; Phoenix Suns 132, Sacramento Kings 123; Seattle SuperSonics 103, Utah Jazz 102.

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Boston Red Sox 4, Texas Rangers 1; New York Yankees 10, Cleveland Indians 6; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Baltimore Orioles 4; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Chicago White Sox 3 (in 13); Kansas City Royals 10, Detroit Tigers 1; Minnesota Twins 9, Oakland Athletics 8; Seattle Mariners 6, California Angels 4. National League: New York Mets 7, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Cincinnati Reds 6, Atlanta Braves 3; Montreal Expos 9, St Louis Cardinals 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Houston Astros 2 (in 12); San Francisco Giants 3, San Diego Padres 2.

BOWLS

OXFORD: English women's indoor championships: Champion of champions: Quarter-finals: N Shaw (Taeswae) bt K Green (East Dorset), 21-17; M Dyer (Clevedon) bt J Killer (Herts), 21-17; D Woodley (Thamesdown, Swindon) bt B Harlow (Ely), 21-15.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Coventry 84, Birmingham 0.

VOLLEYBALL

NEUCHATEL, Switzerland: Spring Cup: Sweden bt England, 15-4, 15-4, 15-9.

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Poole 48, Wimbledon 30.
MILTON KEYNES: Brett Alderton Memorial Trophy: 1, T Banks (Milton Keynes), 15pts; 2, M Dugard (Eastbourne), 13; 3, A Silver (Arena Essex), 12.

CYCLING

HUY, Belgium: Fleche Wallonne classic (245km): 1, J-C Leclercq (Fr), 6hr 19min 23secs; 2, C Criquielion (Bel), at 26sec; 3, R Golz (WG), at 51; 4, S Roche (Ire), at 56; 5, Y Madiot (Fr), at 1:07; 6, P Watson (GB), at 1:22; 7, D-O Lauritzen (Nor), at 1:29; 8, M Gayant (Fr), at 1:45; 9, A Volpi (It), at 1:58; 10, M Argentin (It), at 2:30; 11, L Pedroni (Fr), at 2:36; 12, R Millar (GB), at 2:45; 13, D Cassani (It), at 2:45; 14, J Simon (Fr), at 2:50; 15, K Andersen (Den), at 2:52. Other British positions: 36, M Elliot, at 4:55; 49, A Timmiss, at 6:50; 61, A James, at 16:40.
BENI-MELLAL: Tour of Morocco: Seventh stage: First leg: 1, M Nejari (Mor), 2hr 13min 27sec; 2, R Andersen (Den), same time; 3, S Krawczky (Pol), 2:17.02. Second leg: 1, B Rejtenberg (Neth), 2:28.07; 2, R Fahlin (Swe), same time; 3, P Jopkim (EG), same time. Overall leaders: 1, A Kasputis (USSR), 27:14.32; 2, C Vassiliy (USSR), 27:16.15, 3, I Romanov (USSR), 27:16.20; 4, U Zeidler (EG), 27:16.50; 5, F Kuhn (EG), 27:17.23.

FOOTBALL

FRENCH CUP: Second round, second leg: Bordeaux 3, Guingamp 1 (agg: 3-1).
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 2; Schalke 4, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2; Blau-Weiss Berlin 1, Borussia Dortmund 1.
SWISS LEAGUE: Wettingen 3, Vevey 0.
IZMIR, Turkey: European Group D Olympic qualifying match: Turkey 0, Soviet Union 2.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON: Prudential junior hard-court championships: Boys singles (18 and under): Second round: G Taylor (Sioux) bt G Engleman (Middx), 6-4, 6-2; C Wilkinson (Hants) bt M Loosemore (S Wales), 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; R Lowther (Middx) bt M Cox (Herts), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4; G Drake (Devon) bt R Matheson (W of Scotland), 6-3, 6-1; L Bannister (Lancs) bt K Harris (Norfolk), 6-4, 6-2; J Hunter (Surrey) bt D Ireland (Leics), 6-2, 7-6; D Ahl (Devon) bt S Booth (Warwicks), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; S Cornish (Somerset) bt D Reed (S Wales), 7-6, 6-4. Third round: C Beecher (Kent) bt G Taylor, 7-5, 6-1; U Nganga (Norfolk) bt R Lowther, 7-5, 6-1; J Hunter bt L Bannister, 6-2, 6-2; C Wilkinson bt S Cornish, 6-1, 6-1; N Green (Yorks) bt N Pashley (Surrey), 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; G Drake bt J Routledge (Cambridgeshire), 7-5, 6-2; D Ahl bt J Barton (Essex), 6-1, 7-5. Girls' singles (18 and under): Second round: S Madge (Devon) bt D Springall (Norfolk), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; S Timms (Essex) bt N Comforth (Sussex), 6-3, 6-3. Third round: S Loosemore (S Wales) bt S Madge, 6-2, 6-4; A Gregory (Notts) bt R Stokes (Notts), 6-1, 6-3; S Goodman (Surrey) bt C See (Cambs), 6-3, 6-1; S Timms bt M Loughton (Yorks), 6-2, 6-4; A Sempkin (Lancs) bt B Griffiths (Suffolk), 6-2, 6-2; M Nall (Oxford) bt C Bateman (Essex), 6-2, 6-4; A Metcalf (Lancs) bt A Hill (Devon), 6-2, 6-4; T Catlin (Cambs) bt S Smith (Essex), 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.

NICE: Grand Prix tournament: Singles: First round: H de la Pena (Arg) bt F Yunes (Arg), 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 6-3; T Tulasne (Fr) bt G Holmes (US), 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; J Berger (US) bt J Arrese (Sp), 4-6, 6-0, 6-4; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt T Mamacke (WG), 7-6 (9-8), 6-3; M Vacik (Cz) bt P McNamee (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 2-1 (rtd); M Purcell (US) bt P Chaput (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; R Agenor (Hait) bt U Riglewski (WG), 6-3, 7-6, J Arias (US) bt H Skoff (Austria), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; K Carlsson (Swe) bt J Pugh (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. Second round: M Wacik bt *D Perez (Uru), 4-5, withdrew injured*; A Chesnokov bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; M Jaite (Arg) bt E Teltscher (US), 6-4, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt M Purcell (US), 6-0, 6-1.

TOKYO: Suntory Japan Open: Men's singles: Second round: K Curren (US) bt B Cox (US), 6-2, 6-4; R Krishnan (India) bt B Testerman (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; D Cahill (US) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-4, 6-2; J Kriek (US) bt B Willenborg (US), 6-3, 6-1; M Mecir (Cz) bt T Fukui (Japan), 7-5, 6-1; M Anger (US) bt T Yonezawa (Japan), 6-1, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-3, 6-4; B Scanlon (US) bt M Srejber (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Women's singles, second round: B Gerken (US) bt A Minter (Aust), 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; B Nagelsen (US) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-1, 6-0; K Okamoto (Japan) bt S Walsh-Pete (US), 6-3, 6-4; K Jordan (US) bt C Jolissaint (Switz), 6-1, 6-4; B Herr (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 7-5, 6-3; E Inoue (Japan) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-1, 6-3; M Gurney (US) bt L Antonopolis (US), 6-1, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt C MacGregor (US), 7-5, 6-3.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: WITA championships: Second round: S Graf (WG) bt V Nelson-Dumbar (US), 6-2, 6-2; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt I Cueto (WG), 6-4, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt C Fernandez (US), 6-1, 6-1; C Kandis-Kasch (WG) bt H Ciofi (US), 6-4, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 6-0, 6-2. Third round: T Phelps (US) bt R Reggi (It), 6-3, 6-2; B Fulco (Arg) bt S Rehe (US), 6-2, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt W Probst (WG), 6-3, 6-0; R Farbank (SA) bt M Torres (US), 6-0, 6-4.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Semi-final play-offs (best-of-seven): Smythe division: Calgary Flames 4, Winnipeg Jets 3 (Winnipeg lead series 3-2); Edmonton Oilers 5, Los Angeles Kings 4 (Edmonton wins 4-1). Adams division: Quebec Nordiques 7, Hartford Whalers 5 (Quebec lead 3-2). Patrick division: New York Islanders 4, Washington Capitals 2 (Washington lead 3-2); Philadelphia Flyers 3, New York Rangers 1 (Philadelphia lead 3-2). Norris division: Toronto Maple Leafs 2, St Louis Blues 1 (Toronto lead 3-2).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wakefield 18, Halifax 14; Widnes 62, Featherstone 18. Second division: Batley 17, Bramley 9; Blackpool 32, Dewsbury 12.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Newport v Wrexham.
IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Portadown v Newry (6.30)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Liverpool (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Brighton (at Bromley FC, 3.0).
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Fourth round replay: Maidstone v Aylesbury.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Morecambe v Bangor City; Mossley v Burton. Postponed: Southport v Gainsborough.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: Semi-final, second leg (*first leg score in brackets*): Hednesford (1) v Bromsgrove (1). Midland division: Halesowen v Leicester United. Southern division: Waterlooville v Andover.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Hendon; Tooting and Mitcham v Bognor. First division: Tilbury v Wembley. Second division north: Letchworth Garden City v Collier Row (7.45).
ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Semi-final: Billericay v Purfleet.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-final, second replay: Hampton v Erith and Belvedere.
ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior section: Chelmsford v Witham.
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Potton v Spalding.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Stevenage v Dover (7.45).
FAI CUP: Semi-final replay: Dundalk v Bohemians (at Oriel Park, 8.0).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish RFU President's XV v Spain (at Kelso, 6.0)
CLUB MATCH: Lydney v Gloucester (7.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Durham Wasps v Nottingham Panthers; Ayr Bruins v Dundee Rockets.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Father and Son tournament (at West Hill), Peter McEvoy trophy (at Copt Heath).
MOTOR RACING: Owen Brown RAC Formula Ford 1,600 championship (at Oulton Park).
SKIING: Scottish junior championships (at Aviemore).
SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Sheffield v Ipswich (7.30). *World championship:* Qualifying round (at Middlesbrough, 7.30).
SWIMMING: Gerobank International meeting (at Edinburgh).
TENNIS: Prudential under 18 championships (at Wimbledon).

SPORT ON TV

GOLF: International pro-celebrity for the Whyte and Mackay Trophy. BBC2: 6.50pm.
RACING: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newmarket. C4: 2.30pm.

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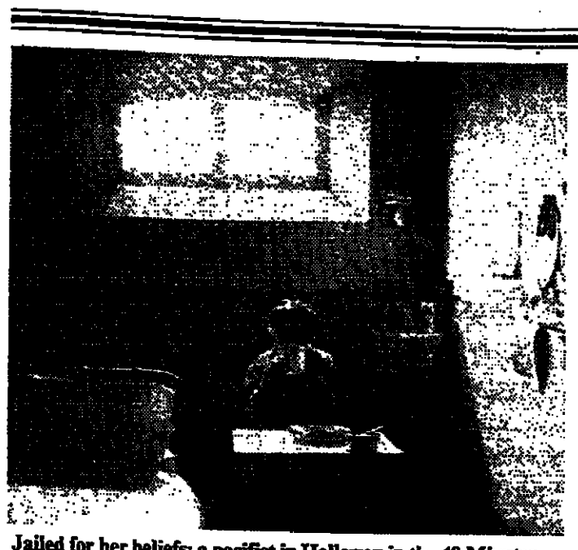
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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Jailed for her beliefs: a pacifist in Holloway in the 40 Minutes documentary Troublesome People (on BBC2, 9.30pm)

Conscience behind bars

● Peace protesters, from the conscientious objectors of the two World Wars to the Greenham women, are surveyed by Caroline Moorehead in **Troublesome People** (BBC2, 9.30pm). The star of the show is 98-year-old Lord Fenner Brockway, who was consigned to the dungeons of the Tower of London and spent much of the First World War in prison sewing mailbags and learning astronomy. Stronger on anecdote than analysis, and trying to cover too much, the programme wonders whether pacifism has had much influence and quotes Bertrand Russell's view that it failed to shorten the First World War by a single day. At least by the 1939 conflict, conchies were less brutally treated, though there were still cafes that refused to serve them and clergymen prepared to denounce them from the pulpit.

CHOICE

● When the world snooker championship starts next week Joe Johnson will not exactly start favourite to retain his title. On recent form it would be a near miracle. As related in **An Ordinary Joe** (BBC1, 8.00pm), the past months have been a nightmare for the quiet Yorkshireman as he has battled unsuccessfully with the burdens of fame. His snooker has suffered and despite the luxury home and the Mercedes, he almost wishes he could return to the anonymity of the unsung player who started last year's championship as a 150-1 outsider

Peter Waymark

● *Peter Davalle writes:* Grantchester rates but a single mention in Katherine Parker's play about Rupert Brooke, **The One Before the Last** (Radio 4, 3.00pm). But the ebullient, wistful and sad strains that alternate with one another in the deeply nostalgic poem that takes its cue from Grantchester's Old Vicarage have all been adopted by Parker who has added a potent extra one – the bitterness felt by Brooke about his badly bungled love affair with Ka Cox that left him suffering from what the play tellingly describes as syphilis of the soul. The golden boy of British poetry emerges somewhat tarnished from this poignant play, but the tragedy of this bright candle prematurely blown out is not diminished in the dramatization.



Colin Firth as Rupert Brooke: on Radio 4, 3.00pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time . National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather **9.05** Dudley Do-Right. Cartoon. (r) **9.10** The Monkees (r) **9.35** Why Don't You. . ?Ideas for young people with time on their hands. **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30** Play School . (r) **10.50** The Gospel According to St Luke. Part four **11.00** News and weather **11.05** The Animals Roadshow includes a visit to Driffield Dog Show. (r) (Ceefax) **11.40** Open Air. Includes news and weather at 12.00. **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow Replay. Highlights of the visits to Newcastle, Exeter, and Port Talbot **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.25** Neighbours. Daphne discovers that she has been two-timed by Shane **1.50** Pinny's House. (r) **1.55** Bric-a-Brac . (r) **2.05** Dr Kildare. The good doctor becomes involved in the uneasy relationship between an irrational mother and her seriously ill daughter. . (r) **2.55** Holiday 87. Bill Buckley reports from Rome; John Carter is in Dublin; and Anne Gregg cruises from Florida to Mexico. (r) (Ceefax) **3.25** Play It Safe! Children's accident prevention advice. (r) **3.35** Popeye Double Bill. **3.50** Lay on Five with Roella Benjamin and Robin Stevens. (r) **4.10** The Adventures of Spot. Spot's Lost Bone, told by Paul Nicholas **4.15** Jonny Biggs. Episode four. (r) **4.30** Yogi Bear. Cartoon. (r) **4.35** Thundercats. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. (Ceefax) **5.35** Go for It! A new series of the family health challenge . **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Top of the Pops introduced by Janice Long and Peter Powell. **7.30** EastEnders. Detective Sergeant Terry Rich takes over the investigation into the Walford attacker . (Ceefax) **8.00** An Ordinary Joe. A profile of Joe Johnson during the year he has been world snooker champion (see Choice) **8.30** A Question of Sport. Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Tony Cottee, Nelli Cooman, Adrian Moorhouse, and John Jeffrey. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Life Without George. The last programme in the comedy series starring Simon Cadell and Carol Royle. **10.00** Film 87 Special. Barry Norman reports from Hollywood on the occasion of Tinseltown's 100th birthday. **10.30** Music from the Masses. The last programme in the series of music from requiem masses. **11.25** Don't Break Your Heart. The connection between smoking and heart disease **11.50** The Gospel According to St Luke. (shown at 10.50am) **12.00** Weather.



Close acquaintance: the comedy team return in a new series of BBC Scotland's Naked Video (on BBC2, 9.00pm)

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. **2.00** News and weather. **2.02** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. The last of Professor Lewis Wolpert's six lectures on the Development of Life. (r) **3.00** News and weather. **3.03** The Passion of Pernambuco. A documentary about the 500 peasant farmers from north-east Brazil who gave up their harsh way of life to reconstruct a living replica of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Christ. Each year they give a six-day long recreation of Christ's Passion which attracts a participatory audience of some 40,000 faithful. (r) **3.50** News, regional news, and weather. **4.00** There is a Green Hill. Choirs and artists from the Derry area congregate at Grianin Ailigh, the royal seat of the ancient kings of Ulster, to sing the music and words of Easter. (first shown on BBC Northern Ireland) **4.35** Pamela Armstrong. The last programme of the series. **5.05** My Music. A lighthearted music quiz set and presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace. (r) **5.30** Film 87 Special. Barry Norman reports from Hollywood on the town's 100th birthday celebrations. (shown again on BBC 1 at 10.00) **6.00** Mission Impossible. The team are in London investigating the death of a communication's officer's death and uncover a major spy ring. (r) **6.50** International Pro-Celebrity Golf. For the final match of the Whyte and Mackay Scotch Trophy, Tony Jacklin is joined by Jimmy Tarbuck, and Gary Player by Kenny Dalglish. **7.40** Call My Bluff. In this week's witty word game the teams are Arthur Marshall, Sheila Steafel, and McDonald Hobley; and Frank Muir, Patricia Hodge, and Tim Rice. The questionmaster is Robert Robinson. **8.10** Sutton Hoo. A documentary about a new series of excavations at Sutton Hoo, begun in 1984, led by Martin Carver, using the latest techniques in archaeology. (r) **9.00** Naked Video. The first in a new series of the comedy sketches programme. Among those appearing are Ron Bain, Helen Lederer, and John Sparkes. (Ceefax) **9.30** 40 Minutes: Troublesome People. A documentary about conscientious objectors. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.10** Phil Silvers" Sergeant Bilko in another comic adventure. **10.35** Newsnight **11.20** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**. **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and viewers' letters at **8.35**. In Wacaday at **8.45** Timmy Mallett continues his windsurfing course. **9.25** Thames news headlines followed by Robostory **9.55** Mount Chopaka Easter Rodeo Show. A tribe of American Indians celebrate the end of winter **10.10** The Boy Who Liked Deer. A young boy discovers the painful rewards for vandalism. **10.30** Which Way? A Jobwatch Special. The final programme of the series for the young school leaver. **11.30** About Britain. Tom Weir visits three villages on the Banffshire/Aberdeenshire border. **12.00** Creepy Crawlies. (r) **12.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series. **12.30** The Sullivans. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine empire **2.25** Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Open Seafood Omelette. (r) **2.30** Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. **3.00** Take the High Road **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Orm and Cheep, with the voice of Richard Briers **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** Inspector Gadget **4.45** The Blunders. (r) **4.50** Adventure of a Lifetime. Matthew Kelly and the six young explorers help set-up camp for the Flying Doctor Medical Team. (Oracle) **5.15** Diff'rent Strokes. American comedy series about a millionaire and his adopted family. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Advice on exam revision from Alan Prosser-Harris, Chair of Examiners for the Joint Matriculation Board. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. The anti-nuclear dump agitators hot up their campaign. **7.30** Carry on Laughing. Clips from the successful Carry On series of comedy films. (r) **8.00** This Week: Slave Children. Denis Tuohy reports on the trade in slave children, sold by parents to men who train them to rob homes, beg, and steal, in Italy, France, and Germany. **8.30** Fresh Fields. William comes to the rescue as a wine waiter when Hester decides to try her hand at private catering. (r) (Oracle) **9.00** L.A.Law. Drama series set in the offices of a high flying law firm. **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall includes the last report from Angola, this one examining the propaganda war. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** Magnum. Another case for the sun-kissed private detective. Starring Tom Selleck. **11.30** Meltdown featuring Working Week, and Bill Bruford's Earthworks. **12.30** Worlds Beyond. A farmhouse where a teenage girl and her grandmother live become the target of forces of evil. **12.55** Night Thoughts.



Uneasy alliance: Madhur Jaffrey and Deborah Kerr in Mary McMurray's film The Assam Garden (on Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Remy Martin XO Maiden Stakes (2.35); the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes (3.10); the Remy Martin Cognac Handicap (3.40); and the Ladbrokes Boldboy Sprint Handicap (4.10) The race commentators are Graham Goode and Raleigh Gilbert **4.30** Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Helen Pitt from Birtley, County Durham. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster. **5.00** Film: A Day at the Races" (1937) starring The Marx Brothers. A madcap farce about how Groucho, Harpo, and Chico, foil a plot by an unscrupulous businessman (Douglass Dumbrille) to gain control of a sanitorium belonging to the lovely Judy (Maureen O'Sullivan). With Allan Jones and Margaret Dumont. Directed by Sam Wood. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Nick Owen and Fiona Armstrong. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Treasure Hunt. The husband and wife team of Chris and Annie Aylett from Leamington Spa send the gushing and breathless Anneka Rice swirling over the North Wales countryside searching for hidden treasure, beginning on the top of the hills at Mynydd Cilgwyn, near Carmel, Caernarfonshire. In the studio, keeping a sense of proportion and helping the two contestants, are Kenneth Kendall and Wincey Willis. (Oracle) **9.00** Film on Four: The Assam Garden (1985) starring Deborah Kerr, Madhur Jaffrey, Alec McCowen, and Zia Mohyeddin. On her return from her husband's funeral to her large house and overgrown garden, Helen Graham opens a letter from a publisher who wants to feature the garden in their prestigious book Great British Gardens. As this would have been the fulfilment of her husband's most cherished dream, she starts working on the wilderness to try and bring it back to its former glory. She is joined in this task by an Indian woman from a nearby estate, and from a cautious beginning the women gradually form a guarded friendship. Directed by Mary McMurray. **10.45** Half Life. An Australian documentary, made in 1985, examining what really happened when the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb in the Marshall Islands some 30 years ago. Ends at **12.15.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES:5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Gardening Together **11.25-11.50** Time and Place **12.00-12.05am** News and weather. SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.25-11.45** Off the Course **11.45-11.55** The Seven Last Words **11.55-12.00** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm-6.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Ulster in Focus **8.30-9.00** Easter Sequence **12.00-12.05am** News and weather. ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except:**9.25am** Harlem Globetrotters **9.50** Ask No Questions **10.20-10.30** It's All Downhill **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00** Anything Goes **7.30-8.00** Who's The Boss? **10.30** Guardians **11.00** Film: Witchfinder General **12.35am** Late Gidding. Closedown.

BORDER As London except:**9.25am-10.30** Sesame Street **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Scarecrow and Mrs King **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Morning has Broken **11.15** Randall and Hopkirk **12.10am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**9.25am** Gods and Heroes **9.40-10.30** Chase Through the Night **12.30pm-1.00** Contact **1.20** News1 **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Please Sir! **6.00-6.35** News **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.35** Film: Wait Until Dark **12.35am** Jobfinder **1.35** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except:**9.25am** Once Upon A Time...Man **9.55** Fangface **10.20-10.30** Cartoon **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Art Beat **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Untouchables **12.50am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**9.55am-10.30** Rock of the Seventies **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00** Crosby Show **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Police Project **11.30** Crann Tara **12.00** Kiz Curran **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**9.25am-9.30** Granada Reports **9.40-10.30** Tarzan **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Granada Reports **6.35** This is Your Right **6.50-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Nearest and Dearest **10.30** End of Empire **11.30** T J Hooker **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**9.25am** Cartoon **9.30** Gather your Dreams **10.00-10.30** When the Chips are Down **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** News **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** West This Week **11.10** Weekend Outlook **11.15** Promises and Pecrust **11.45** Hammer House of Horror **12.40am** Wide Awake **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** Lifestyles **11.05** Promises and Pecrust **11.35-12.35am** Hammer House of Horror

SCOTTISH As London except:**9.25am** Struggle Beneath the Sea **9.50** Spirit Bay **10.15-10.30** Flora and Fauna **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Han to Hart **3.00** Ask No Questions **3.30-4.00** Clegg's People **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Crime Desk **10.40** Party with the Rovers **11.10** Crann Tara **11.40** Late Call **11.45** Kit Curran **12.15am** Closedown.

TSW As London except:**9.25am** News **9.30-10.30** One Way Out" **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Today South West **6.30** Action South West **6.35** That's My Dog **7.05-8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.32** Inter Pub 87 **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.55** Jazz **12.25am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except:**9.28am** Once Upon a Time...Man **9.55** Fangface **10.20-10.30** Cartoon **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Art Beat **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Untouchables **12.50am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**9.25am** News **9.30** Show Express **10.00-10.30** Shakespeare Trilogy **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** Northern life **7.30-8.00** Sweehearts **10.32** The Works **11.00** Mary **11.30** Promises and Pecrust **12.00** Amazing Grace. Closedown.

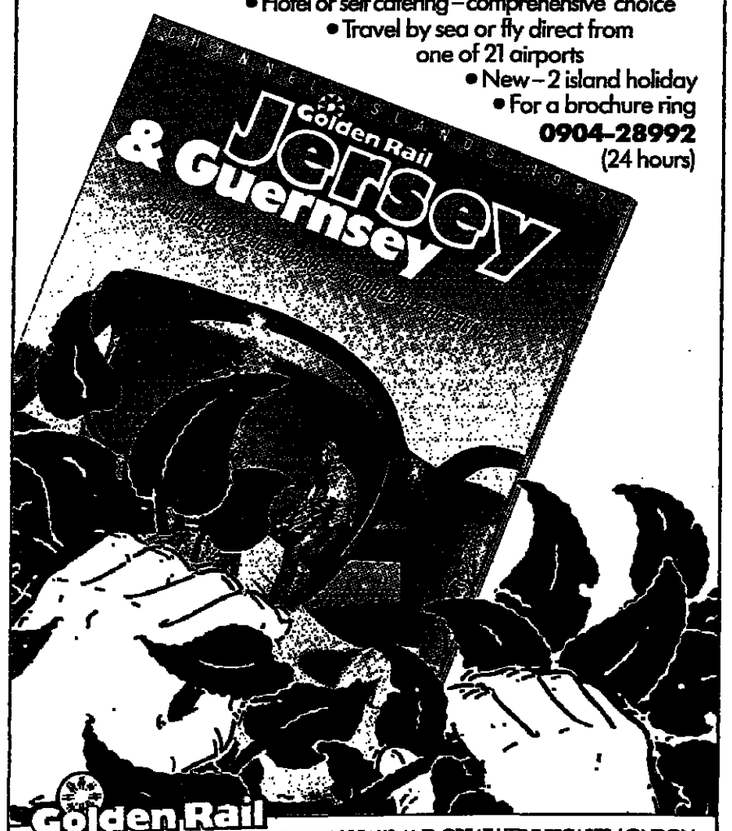
ULSTER As London except:**9.25am** Day Ahead **9.30-10.30** Sesame Street **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk **3.30-4.00** Bygones **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.35-6.35** Police Six **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Counterpoint **11.00** Circuit of Ireland Rally **11.30** Promises and Pecrust **12.00** Suffering in Faith **12.10am** Hitchcock Presents **12.35** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**9.25am** Spacewatch **9.40** Pallesen & Pitmark Show **10.05-10.30** Short Story **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Carsons Law **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** Calendar **7.30-8.00** The Bouncer **10.30** Mike Hammer **11.30** Promises and Pecrust **12.00** Hitchcock Presents **12.30am** Medtabons **12.40** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**12.30pm-1.00** Sing Out **1.00** Canyon Consorn **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Racing **4.35** Fisiadaiem **4.50** Attro Amser **4.55** Hafoc **5.30** The Orchetra **6.00** Brookside **6.30** 4 What It's Worth **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Pobol Pentro **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.30** Dinas **9.05** Heno Heno **10.20** Hill Street Blues **11.15** Film: L'Enfant Sauvage" **12.50am** Closedown.

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Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **(9.00** My Top Ten (Luther Vandross) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** Radio 1 **12.00** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour. Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Sue Lawley **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Fern Britton. Includes racing from Newmarket at 3.10 – the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club, with Moe Bandy and Keith Whitley in concert. **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema. Presented by Nick Jackson. **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Time For Verse **6.40** Farming World **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Soundtracking **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Wining up the Senses **10.00** News **10.01** You Ain't Heard Nothin' Yet! (until 10.30) **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Letter from England **11.30** Assignment **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Cantabile **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Folk Entertainers **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.16** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary (until 4.15) **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Business Matters **9.00** News **9.01** Book Choice **9.06** In the Meantime **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Time for Verse **11.40** Farming **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Cantabile **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** In the Meantime **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Training for Tomorrow **2.30** The Great Ballets **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **4.45** Reflections **4.50** Financial **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours. Times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather forecast. **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: C P E Bach (Symphony in B flat, Wq 182 No 2: English Concert under Pinnock), Pergolesi (Concerto in B flat: I Solisti Veneti, with Bettina Mussumeli, violin), Mahler (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen: Flagstadt, soprano, with Vienna PO), Johann Strauss (Wine, woman and song waltz: Vienna State Opera Orchestra). **8.00** News **8.05** Concert (contd): Copland (Quiet city: New York PO under Leonard Bernstein), Rachmaninov (Prelude and oriental dance, Op 2: Harrell, cello, and Ashkenazy, piano), Berlioz (Funeral march for last scene of Hamlet: LSO with John Alldis Choir), Magnard (En Dieu mon esperance et mon épée pour ma defense: Christoph Keller, piano), Bartok (Dance suite: Budapest PO). **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Mozart. Courante in E flat, Suite in C, K 399 (Jorg Demus, fortepiano), and Mass in C minor, K427 (Vienna Concentus Musicus under Harnoncourt, with soloists Laki, Denes, Equiluz and Holl, with Vienna State Opera Chorus) **10.15** Music for oboe and piano: Sarah Francis and Richard Nunn. Arnold Cooke (Sonata, 1952), Peter Aston (Three pieces for oboe), Pierre Sancan (Sonatine) **10.50** Roussel: French National Orchestra under Dutoit play the Symphony No 3 **11.15** Smetana String Quartet: Martinu (Quartet No 4), Smetana (Quartet No 2) **12.00** Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC **12.20** BBC Philharmonic (under Cleobury). With Lillian Kallir (piano). Part one. Bliss (Introduction and allegro). Mozart (Piano Concerto No 14). **1.00** News **1.05** Concert (contd) Rubbra (Symphony No 4) **1.40** My Childhood: Michael Deacon reads the first of four selections from Carl Nielsen's autobiography. The translation is by Reginald Spink (r) **1.55** Parikian/Milne/Fleming Trio. Beethoven (Variations oon Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu), Mendelssohn (Trio in D minor, Op 49), Schubert (Trio in B flat, D898) **3.35** Mahler: Philadelphia Orchestra under Levine play the Symphony No 10 (revised by Cooke). **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: Richard Baker's selection of recorded music **6.25** Bandstand: Enfield Band of the Salvation Army. Ray Steadman Allen (The Lord is king), Leslie Condon (The song of the Eternal). **6.55** News **7.00** Bach's St Matthew Passion: Chapelle Royale Chorus and Orchestra (under Philippe Herreweghe), with Ghent Collegium Vocale, In Dulci Jubilo, and soloists Barbara Crook, Ulrick Cold, Barbara Schlick, Rene Jacobs, Hans-Peter Blochwitz and Peter Kooy. Part one. Part two begins at **8.15** after an interval reading at **8.10** **10.15** Music in our Time: Lontano (under Odaline de la Martinez), with Frances Lynch (soprano). Works by Martin Butler (Concertino), Roger Marsh (The Song of Abigail - a Melodrama), John Woolrich (Spalanzani's daughter), Anthony Powers (Chamber Concerto) **11.15** First Night: A review by Robert Cushman of Vladimir Gubaryov's Sarcophagus at the Pit, Barbican Centre, in London **11.25** Rameau: Orchestra of the 18th century under Frans Bruggen perform the suite Les Boreades **11.57** News. **12.00** Closedown



John Buchan: Bookshelf, on Radio 4, 4.05pm

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the day **8.43** Five William Stories by Richmal Crompton. Today, Martin Jarvis reads A Bit of Blackmail, from Still William (4) **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Legacy of Empire. How Britain and its culture have left their mark on former colonies. This week: Britain's relationship with the Commonwealth. The presenter is Nick Clarke (r) **9.30** The Radio Programme. Laurie Taylor goes to the US where he examines the 'free for all' broadcasting system. He tries aout some typical British radio programmes on American critics, and examines the chances of "serious radio" being able to survive in a climate of free-for-all broadcasting **10.00** News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care **10.30** The Cross on Trial. John Harriot surveys the Cross as a window to God **10.45** The Queen distributes the Royal Maundy at Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire. The lessons will be read by the Duke of Edinburgh and by the Bishop of Ely. The Collect for the Feast of St Etheldreda will be read by the Bishop of Huntingdon (s) **12.00** News: You and Yours. Consumer magazine, with John Howard **12.27** Blandings. Summer Lightning by P G Wodehouse. With Richard Vernon, Ian Carmichael and Elizabeth Spriggs in the cast (6) (r)(s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World At One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Dilly Barlow finds out what happens during quiz time at the local pub. Also in today's edition: the second instalment of My Aunt Christina, by J.I.M Stewarr, read by John Samson **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play. The One Before the Last by Katherine Parker. The story of the complex love affair between the poet Rupert Brooke and Ka Cox. Starring Colin Firth (as Brooke) and Emma Piper (as Ka).(s) **4.00** News **4.05** Bookshelf. Susan Hill considers the work of John Buchan. **4.35** Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition of the arts magazine which included items on Putting on the Ritz, at the Leicester Haymarket.(r) **5.00** PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather. Travel. **6.00** News; Financial report **6.30** My Music. Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Any Answers? Listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions? **7.40** Jesus – An Investigation. What can we know for sure about Jesus of Nazareth? Trevor Barnes, Dr Alister McGrath and Professor Morna Hooker search for some answers **9.00** Does he take Sugar? For disabled listeners and their families. **9.30** The Archive Auction with Denise Coffey **9.45** Kaleidoscope. Tonight's edition of the arts magazine includes comment on Maureen Duffy's book Change; the production of Sarcophagus at the Barbican in London; the Jacob Epstein exhibition at the Leeds Art Gallery; and Yan Tan Tethera to be transmitted on Channel 4 and Radio 3 on East Sunday **10.15** A Book at Bedtime. The War of the Worlds by H G Wells. The reader is Simon Ward (4) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Hamlet at Elsinore. Lynn ten Kate goes to Denmark to find out whether Shakespeare had once visited Kronborg castle, setting for Hamlet. She talks to visitors and to performers who have taken part in productions in the castle (r) **12.00** News; Weather **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner. **5.50-5.55** PM (contd)

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Gestures cost player his job

By a Correspondent

Terry Curran, the Sunderland winger, was sacked by the troubled second division club yesterday following incidents in a reserve team game at Roker Park.

Lawrie McMenemy, Sunderland's managing director, acted after being told how 32-year-old Curran had gestured obscenely to supporters who were barracking him during the match on Tuesday night.

Police later spoke to the player, who could now face a charge of unruly behaviour, while the FA may also take action after receiving the referee's report.

McMenemy's decision ends an unhappy stay at Roker Park for Curran, who has played for 13 clubs in a colourful career. He has not held a regular place in the side since arriving in November and, recently, has been travelling regularly to Yorkshire where his father is seriously ill.

McMenemy said yesterday: "His contract has been cancelled because of his gestures to the crowd, which were unforgiveable for a professional. He has to live with the criticism as well as the praise from the terraces.

"I admit there are mitigating circumstances and he is under pressure, but there is absolutely no excuse for abusing our supporters who have paid good money to come and watch."

A police spokesman said: "We were going to question him at the ground, but he voluntarily accompanied an inspector to the police station and helped us with our inquiries into an incident.

"He has been told that he will be reported and the matter will go to the Crown Prosecution Service for a decision on whether there is a case of unruly behaviour to answer."

Meanwhile, McMenemy's assistant, Lew Chatterley, also left the club yesterday. Chatterley had already announced his plans to leave Roker Park in the summer, but chairman Bob Murray believes it would be better if he left now.

Ferguson fine

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has been found guilty of directing foul and abusive comments at referee Ken Baker during the interval of the league match against Luton Town on March 14. He has been fined £500 and warned as to his future conduct and has 14 days to appeal to the FA.

Buxton moves

Mick Buxton, the former Huddersfield Town manager, was yesterday appointed manager of fourth division Scunthorpe United with immediate effect. He takes over from player-manager Richard Money, who wanted to continue at the club just as a player.

Brighton's debts reduced by £1m gift from director

By John Goodbody

Brighton and Hove Albion, bottom of the second division with debts of £1.6 million, yesterday received more than £1 million from a director, Greg Stanley, who is also on the board of a large chain of home decorating stores. It is one of the biggest donations made by an individual in British football.

"I cannot think of any better use of my money than helping the Albion at a time like this," Mr Stanley said last night.

Bryan Bedson, the chairman, said that the club can now go forward on a "solid financial basis. The remaining £600,000 debt will be carried interest-free by the directors.

"Greg has made a tremendous gesture. He is someone who cares deeply about the club. It could not have come at a better time," he said.

When Brighton's reconstituted board of directors took over three years ago, there was an accumulative debt of £960,000. The running loss on the first year was £480,000 and £230,000 on the second year. This season there is expected to be only a slight loss.

Brighton's problem has partly been the interest fees from the bank and building society, currently running at £150,000 a year. Mr Stanley's munificence has ensured that the club, FA Cup Finalists in 1983, do not have to meet any interest charges.

Mr Stanley, who has been a Brighton supporter for over 20 years, added, "If I wanted I could retire to Jersey, or do other things. I have a young family but I hope in years to come they will turn round and say, 'Our dad is a good 'un'."

In June 1986 Mr Stanley relinquished his post as executive director of A G Stanley Holdings, which operates Fads 220 home decorating stores, to concentrate on his other personal business interests. He has remained a non-executive member of the A G Stanley board.

The company increased its pre-tax profits in 1987 from £2.69m to £3.21m, a rise of 19 per cent.

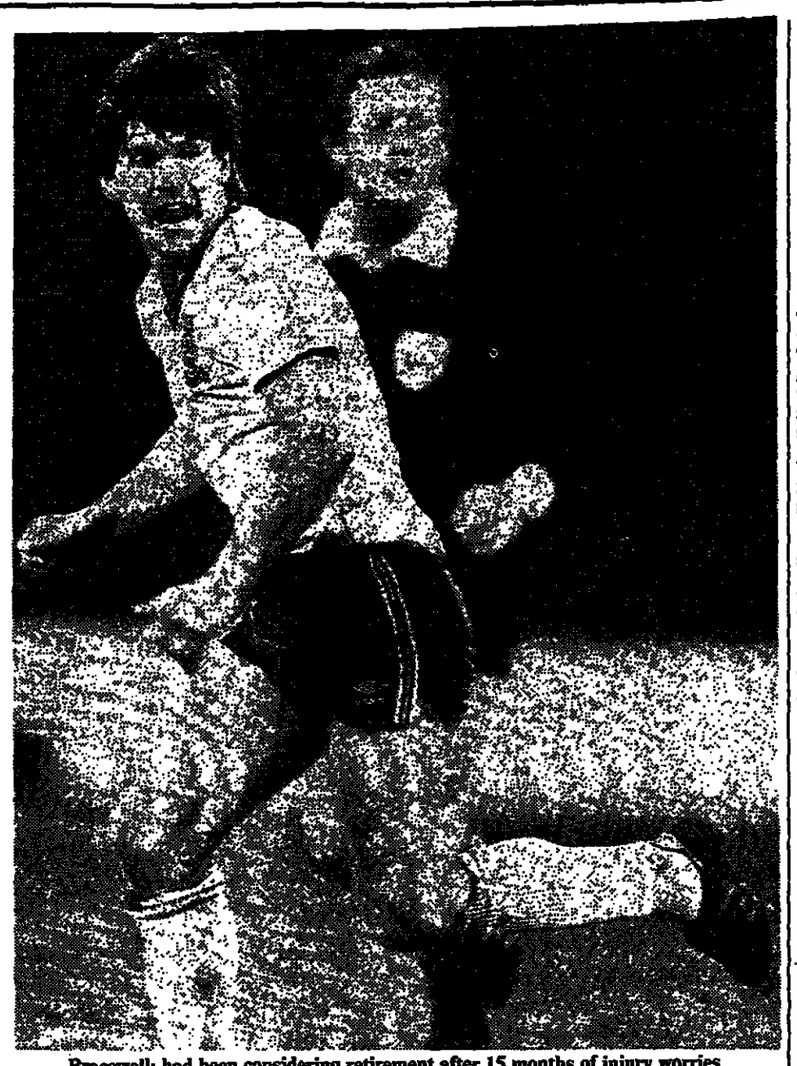
● Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) secretary, has averted the threat of a new contract dispute between the Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough and his England Under-21 winger, Franz Carr. Taylor intervened after Carr's father, a taxi driver, contacted him to complain about the details of the player's new contract.

Carr recently signed a new three-year deal worth £600 a week despite having been advised by Mr Carr to sign for only two years. Taylor said last night: "I seem to have heard from just about every member of the Carr family except Franz himself.

"As a result of this I have examined the contract. It is clearly for a three year term and is perfectly in order for a player of his age and ability. I am quite sure the player knew exactly what he was doing when he signed it."

The PFA secretary added that he had received every co-operation from Nottingham Forest in examining the complaints of Carr's family. "I have discussed the situation with Brian Clough and he is perfectly happy for the player to come to me but he has not felt it necessary to do so."

Carr was initially in contract dispute with Forest following the intervention of the player's father who felt that his son was being offered inadequate terms. "As a result of my discussions the PFA do not find it necessary to take any action," explained Taylor.



Bracewell: had been considering retirement after 15 months of injury worries

£15m appeal to save Chelsea

By Andrew Longmore

Before two Government ministers, Dick Tracey and David Mellor, and backed by Sebastian Coe and Sir Richard Attenborough, ardent Chelsea supporters, Ken Bates, the chairman, yesterday unveiled a £15 million package aimed at keeping Stamford Bridge from the property developers and turning it instead into a community-based stadium of the 21st century.

But there is a huge catch — much of the money for the project must come out of the supporters' pockets. Based on current support, that could mean about £1,000 per supporter. The twin towers of this mammoth fund-raising effort over the next two years will be the Chelsea Community Trust and the club's own Save the Bridge appeal.

"It's always said that charity begins at home; well, now is the time for the thousands of Chelsea supporters all over the country to prove that they want Chelsea to stay at Stamford Bridge," Bates said in announcing the charity trust. "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

But David Bulstode, the chairman of Marler Estates, the owners, although confirming he would be willing to sell to Chelsea, believes the club will need to raise considerably more than £15 million. "The ground was valued at £17½ million last year and prices have risen considerably since," he said. "Anyway, I doubt if Chelsea can raise even this sum this way."

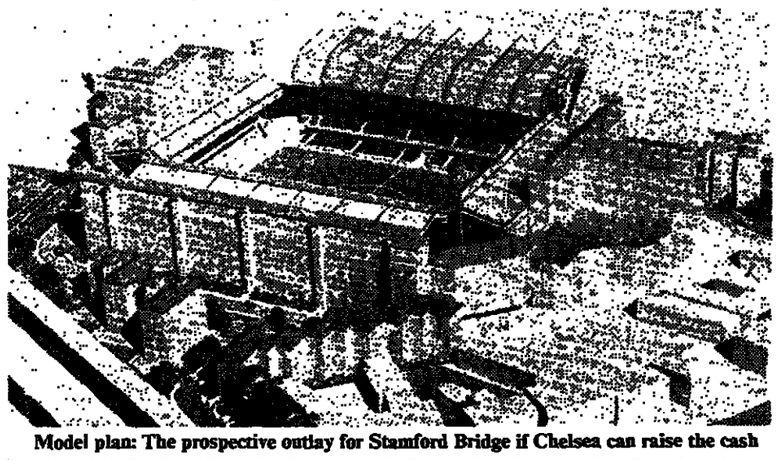
The aim of the trust is to purchase the freehold of the 11-acre site, which will then be leased back to the club for 125 years and to build a community recreation centre, with a 160-room hotel on top of it, at the south end of the ground behind the Shed.

Bates and Sir Richard Attenborough, the Community Trust's patron, between them share 25 per cent in SB Properties, the subsidiary of Marler. That share of the sale will go towards the trust fund. An additional sum will be raised by selling off five acres for property development, which leaves an estimated quarter cost of the purchase coming from private donations and fund-raising. So if, for example, the price for the land was agreed at £1 million an acre, cheap by current standards, an estimated £5 million would be raised by selling off five acres, £2¾ million from the sale of shares in SB Properties, leaving a shortfall of £3¼ million to be raised by the Trust.

In addition, the Save the Bridge Appeal needs at least £10 million to turn the Bridge into an all-covered stadium with a capacity of 40,000 and seating for 27,000. The plans include a new West Stand, the redevelopment of the North Stand and a new-look Shed with seats and terracing for 7,000.

The target date for raising the £15m is August 1988 when the club's lease runs out. According to Bates, the starting date for the development of the ground will be either the summer of 1988 or 1989, depending on the success in fund-raising and negotiations.

Colin Hutchinson, who recently resigned as chief executive of Wimbledon because of proposals to redevelop Plough Lane, will coordinate the fund-raising. He plans a programme of lotteries, boxing and greyhound nights, with a "big event" at the start of next season which, he estimates, will raise over £3m.



Model plan: The prospective outlay for Stamford Bridge if Chelsea can raise the cash

Bracewell is ready to resume career

Fears that Paul Bracewell, the Everton midfield player, may have been forced to quit the game through injury were allayed yesterday. The England international received an encouraging diagnosis on his badly damaged ankle from a leading specialist and is ready to pick up the threads of a career which has been shrouded in doubt for 15 months.

Bracewell, a key figure in the resurrection of the Merseyside club over the past three years, has undergone surgery on four occasions since being injured on New Year's Day, 1986. He has suffered numerous setbacks and breakdowns in training and confessed he had been harbouring thoughts of a premature retirement.

But yesterday's verdict will come as sweet relief for a player who has not made a senior appearance since last season's FA Cup final and who was included in England's shadow squad before the World Cup finals in Mexico.

"Paul has had the plaster removed from his ankle and will not be putting any weight on it for quite a while. He will be taking things very easy to try and insure that there is a complete recovery," Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said.

Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has set his team a target of 50 points for survival in the first division and, if they are to achieve it, three of their last seven matches will have to be won.

Wednesday's plight is all the more serious since they were in fifth place before the Christmas programme, yet Wilkinson, usually an avid analyst of the whys and wherefores of football, can find no cogent reason for the slide which has put his team at risk.

"To look for answers is like being in a leaky lifeboat in the middle of the ocean and trying to work out why the ship sank when what you've really got to do is get hold of a tin and start bailing," Wilkinson said after his side had conceded two goals in the last 10 minutes to lose at home to Nottingham Forest.

The likely absence of Kenny Sansom, the Arsenal captain, for the rest of the season through injury has opened the door to the younger generation of would-be England left fullbacks. Sansom has been the only No. 3 in Bobby Robson's last two England squads. He was unchallenged during the World Cup campaign and has won 75 international caps.

For several months he has been troubled by a deep stomach strain and, after resting him twice recently, the Arsenal manager, George Graham, has confirmed that he is now unlikely to play again this season.

Looking for a happy medium

By Colin McQuillan

The many and disparate parties, some of them within BBC Television itself, who have struggled for years to put international squash rackets successfully on the small screen must have thrown up their hands in despair on Tuesday evening. Then, all too rigid application of the BBC's guidelines on advertising infuriated Hi-Tec, sponsors of the British Open Championships, to the point of making the company consider withdrawing their annual £100,000 from the event.

Hi-Tec were in the second year of a three-year sponsorship contract with another three-year option to follow. They went to Wembley knowing they would be involved in some negotiation over advertising inside the transparent Perspex showcourt.

They took with them four different promotional placards, the least obvious of which carried the title 'British Open' over their company's red flash logo. BBC Television refused to record the semi-finals and the finals of the event until the red flashes were taped over in white. After much wrangling and recriminations on all sides, the matches were recorded for transmission on Sunday and Monday with what the sponsors regarded as less than adequate commercial exposure.

Happy balance can be struck

According to John Philips, the editor of BBC Grandstand and a long-time supporter of televised squash, the Corporation's guidelines insist upon coverage of sports events being arranged so that the main static camera view, the master shot, contains no blatant advertising.

In most sports the master shot is mildly variable and dependent upon local production priorities, although other court games like tennis and badminton carry obvious limitations, as does snooker.

Squash is unfortunate in television terms because the master shot over the back wall is also the established view of the game, encompassing the entire playing area and including the traditional sponsors' promotional slot on the 19-inch 'tin' at the bottom of the front wall, the only portion of a squash court which is not part of the playing area. Virtually every squash court in the world carries some sort of promotional material on the tin.

All around the globe professional squash is now played on transparent courts which cost upwards of £75,000 each and were developed at considerable cost by plastics and glass manufacturers specifically in pursuit of television coverage.

Philips himself believes that viewers should be protected from blatant commercial exposure but accepts that a balance can be struck to ensure that sport attracts the commercial sponsorship it now needs to survive. "The BBC guidelines are drawn in that context," he says.

Backing sponsors into a corner

There is, however, a received wisdom abroad in the higher management levels of British television which states that squash can never be successfully televised. Philips and other BBC enthusiasts have long argued against this, sometimes it is said at some risk to their own positions.

"We spent hours on the new permanent transparent court at Cannons Club in London with Dunlop's reflective ball people to perfect our lighting technique for the British Open," says Philips. "I am satisfied the results will show on Sunday and Monday that we have finally beaten the problem of ball visibility."

Dunlop's squash marketing director, Gordon Baird, says some small but significant changes were made to the reflective ball as a result of the Cannons Club experiments. "The changes helped the BBC to light the ball and, incidentally, improved its playing characteristics a little," Baird says. "It was a very useful co-operation of technical people. The same ball is officially adopted for the next world championships in London in November, which the BBC is also televising.

"It does seem inexplicable, after months of such close co-operation between so many different people and organizations, that a major sponsor is backed into an impossible position because he cannot be even a small part of the success he is paying for."

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McEnroe prefers Edinburgh

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

John McEnroe confirmed yesterday that he would be joining Ivan Lendl in the Scottish grass court tennis championships at Edinburgh from June 6-14 rather than the rival Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club.

McEnroe's amicable association with Queen's Club and the tournament — he played in seven finals there between 1978 and 1984, winning four — was soured two years ago after he used bad language to women members who had booked the court on which he was practising. He lost his honorary membership.

For what it is worth, he is reported to be playing at Edinburgh simply because, as a preparation for Wimbledon, he prefers it to the hackneyed routine of a week-long grand prix tournament. Doubtless McEnroe and Lendl are also hoping that, during the approach to Wimbledon the environment of Edinburgh will be less of a strain on the nerves than the widely publicised Queen's Club tournament.

They may reasonably be expected to reach the singles final for which the prize is £30,000 compared to £25,000 at Queen's. Their main challengers will probably be Andres Gomez and Andrei Chesnokov, though one or two more celebrities may yet be induced to take part.

Like the other leading men engaged for this unusual assignment McEnroe will play at least three matches. The format, unfamiliar in Britain, will grant six men exemption until the quarter-final round. From that point onwards losers will play off to decide positions from third to eighth.

Davies breaks through in Japan

Laura Davies, Britain's leading woman professional golfer, has broken through the Japanese trade barrier. Miss Davies, who has led the rankings in Europe for the past two years, has signed a $100,000 (about £61,000) sponsorship deal with the Maruman golf equipment company.

Under the arrangement, Miss Davies, aged 23, from Surrey, is committed to three tournament appearances a year in Japan, where she is playing for the next two weeks.

The British Open champion tees up in the Tokushima Tsukinoniya tournament this week followed by the Nasu Ogawa event. She will return to Japan for three more tournaments in October and November.

Colin Snape, the former PGA executive director who represents Miss Davies, said: "The Japanese are prepared to trade if they feel there is quality in the product, and Laura is a quality golfer."

Miss Davies will continue to represent Scottish Equitable while playing in Britain but the Maruman deal is on a worldwide basis.

Criticism for the Masters

Severiano Ballesteros makes his 1987 European golf debut in the Suze Open tournament at Cannes today, still bristling at the way he lost the US Masters title in Augusta last Sunday.

Ballesteros is determined to erase the memory of his sudden-death defeat by Larry Mize. The angry Spaniard insists: "The US Masters championship should never been decided like that. It sounds like sour grapes but it is not — I feel as though I am the Masters champion because my scores over 72 holes were as good as anybody elses. It is ridiculous to decide such a tournament over one or two holes, it should be a minimum of five like the British Open championship."

Ballesteros returns to the Cannes Mougins course 12 months after a similar disaster when he led the Masters by two shots with four holes to play but dumped his approach into the water at the 15th

He added: "I know it is destiny but I could have had five green jackets now instead of two. I should have won the last three titles."

Ballesteros smothered his disappointment last year with six European titles although his Augusta legacy saw him surrender the Suze championship to John Bland after leading the South African by two shots going into the final round.

Andy North, the former US Open champion, makes a rare excursion into Europe but the Spaniard's biggest threat is likely to come from Howard Clark, winner of the Moroccan Open last month, and Ian Woosnam, victorious in Jersey on Sunday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tough for champion

Despite his outburst last week when he threatened to retire if he could be matched against the new World Boxing Council middleweight champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, Lloyd Honeyghan, the world welterweight champion — who defends his title against Maurice Blocker at the Albert Hall on Saturday — is unlikely to carry out his ultimatum according to his manager, Micky Duff.

"Lloyd has since admitted that what he said was on the spur of the moment and he has retracted it," said Duff. Like anyone else he can suffer from nerves and frustration.



Honeyghan: retracted threat

Lucky break

Snooker received another £1 million boost yesterday when Mercantile Credit announced that they are to spend a seven-figure sum on a three-year extension of their sponsorship of the annual tournament named after the company.

Rally setback

Nairobi (AFP) — A Ford Sierra Cosworth car to have been driven by Sweden's former world rally champion Stig Blomqvist in the Safari rally, which starts here on Thursday, has been written off in a road accident.

Flying high

British Midland Airways have come flying in to ensure that the Royal Scottish Automobile Club (RSAC) motor rally will continue with a two-year sponsorship. The RSAC planned to go ahead with the rally, which starts in Glasgow on June 13, without sponsorship

Open boost

The future of the Open championship at Muirfield, this year's venue, has been secured. The Open's organizers, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, have bought 59 acres of farmland next to the 9th hole at Muirfield to guarantee parking spaces during the Open for up to 7,000 cars.

Trio rewarded

Caroline Gable, Alison Kindon and Ian McKenzie, who all set British junior records last weekend, head the England youth squad of 27 for the seven-nation swimming international at Crystal Palace on Saturday and Sunday. All three have found top form at the right time

SQUAD: C Gable (Stockport Metro), A Kindon (City of Birmingham), I McKenzie (Braintree and Bocking), L Banks (Southend), N Bates (Norwich Penguins), T Dray (Portsmouth Northsea), J Drewitt (Luton), H Jepson (Kirklees), J Lancaster (Warrington), K Seal (Dover Lifeguard), H Watson (Nova Centurion), J Wright (City of Chester), S Akers (Swindon), S Dronsfield (Salford Triple S), J Ley (Millfield), M Nolan (Ashton Central), P Pedercolli (Kelly College), R Stapleton (Beckenham), J Rowland (Wigan Wasps), T Evans (Kelly College), S Fry (Salford Triple S), D Gatland (Epsom and District), A Murdock (Nova Centurion), J Thomlinson (Border City), S Wainwright (Millfield), R Gillett (City of Sheffield), M O'Connor (City of Manchester).

Triple target

Prize money for this season's Trusthouse Forte PGA seniors golf championship has been increased to £30,000. Neil Coles will be looking for a third successive victory at Coventry on June 18 to 21, having won on his seniors debut at Pannal in 1985 and at Mere last year. Brian Huggett, who reached 50 last November, qualifies and other former Ryder Cup golfers, Peter Butler, Hugh Boyle and Christy O'Connor are also expected to take part.